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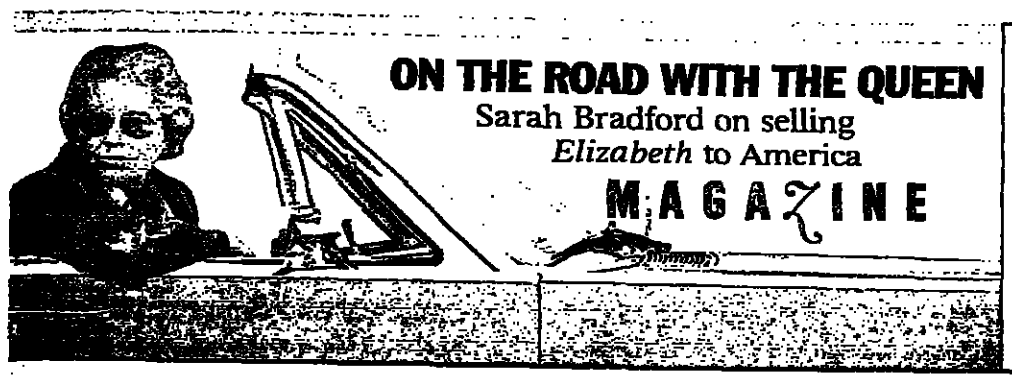

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Police strike at football hooligans

An officer breaks into a house early yesterday

By Stewart Tendler, Paul Wilkinson and John Goodbody

NORTHUMBRIA Police yesterday struck the opening blow against football hooligans planning to disrupt Euro 96, with raids leading to 19 arrests and the seizure of weapons and inflammatory literature.

Other police forces will carry out similar operations in the next few weeks after months of intelligence-gathering and analysis of violence during last season's football matches.

Northumbria Police sent 120 officers, including some wearing riot equipment and bullet-proof vests, to break into the homes of suspects at dawn. The addresses targeted in Operation Harvest were chosen after officers studied closed circuit television film of rampaging hooligans in Newcastle city centre on May 5, after Newcastle United's match with Tottenham Hotspur for the Premier League championship.

Newcastle is one of eight venues for games in the three-week competition, which starts in a fortnight and will be the biggest sporting event held in Britain since the World Cup in 1966. Other matches are being played in London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Nottingham and Leeds.

Over the past 18 months, police have been building up intelligence dossiers on gangs of hooligans throughout Britain and targeting known leaders. The intelligence operations are aimed at identifying which games hooligans are likely to pick for confrontations and how they are likely to get to the venues.

The police strategy, agreed after months of discussions, will focus on trying to block potential troublemakers before the matches start. Chief constables are determined to prevent city centres, railway stations and motorway service stations being turned into battlegrounds.

Police intelligence suggests that many of the foreign fans planning to attend the championship are not looking for trouble. The danger from right-wing xenophobic groups is also being played down: officers fear that the main threat could come from British gangs who will seize any opportunity to pick fights.

Among the items seized yesterday were calling cards prepared by one Newcastle gang, which would have been left with victims after they had been attacked. As officers sifted through the seized material, Superintendent Peter Durham, the officer in charge of policing matches at Newcastle United's St James' Park ground, issued a warning that more arrests would follow.

Mr Durham said a publicity drive would be launched next week with pictures of a further 150 suspects involved in the violence earlier this month. He said that magistrates would also be urged to remand in custody those brought before the courts. If bail is given, police want defendants to be banned from going into Newcastle while the tournament takes place.

Similar restrictions are likely to be requested by other forces if trouble breaks out. The Police have already discussed court action with magistrates and the Crown Prosecution Service.

At least 450 England fans have already been barred from attending the championship, because they are serving exclusion orders imposed by magistrates' courts under the 1986 Public Order Act.

Among those targeted in yesterday's raids were the "generals" of the notorious Gremlins, who follow Newcastle United. Police recovered three imitation handguns, ammunition, 25 knives, ten baseball bats and coshes, a spear, machetes, army balaclavas and a gun catalogue. One bat carried was labelled "The Dentist".

Police also seized a scrapbook containing printed calling cards from The Gremlins and other gangs, including the Derby County Lunatic Fringe and the English Border Firm, who follow Shrewsbury Town. Some of the calling cards showed links between The Gremlins, who describe themselves as "boys of violence" and the English Border Firm. The cards contained messages such as

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Employers to get crime check on job applicants

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

EMPLOYERS are to have access to job applicants' criminal records under proposals to be outlined in a White Paper next month aimed at providing greater protection to the public.

The far-reaching plans, which will be announced during a high profile "law and order" week, include a proposal to set up an independent agency which would manage access to police criminal records.

Under Michael Howard's proposals separate categories of employer would be entitled to different levels of information about the criminal careers of prospective employees.

Employers in the most sensitive areas such as nursing homes, banks and accountants would be able to get a full criminal records check, perhaps including details of offences committed in the distant past.

The Home Office has also suggested that all other employers should be able to ask a job applicant to present a printout from the national computer showing whether they have a criminal record.

Details of the criminal records of about seven million people are held on a new computer system, Phoenix, at Scotland Yard. About 900,000 checks are carried out by the police every year.

Mr Howard is planning to widen the range of employers who can have access to a job applicant's criminal record, including spent convictions for those applying for jobs in the most sensitive areas.

David Maclean, a junior Home Office minister, last year outlined during a Commons debate the Government's thinking in the sensitive area of vetting. He said: "We believe a system of pre-employment checks is needed that is more accessible and more open, and will meet the needs of employers and other organisations who need to employ people in positions of trust."

Statutory authorities involving work with children such as social services and education departments can now carry out checks on potential employees but the Government wants to extend the categories of employer entitled to carry out a "full vetting check".

It is expected that full vetting checks would be extended to dentists, osteopaths, nursing home managers, accountants, lawyers, bank and building society managers, and even firefighters.

The proposals will alarm civil liberties groups and organisations working to resettle offenders which will argue that such a huge extension of vetting will exclude tens of thousands of people from employment.

As well as giving employers access to records held on Phoenix, Mr Howard is planning a consultation paper on setting up a national register of convicted paedophiles.

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New Labour, Old Jokes — as gags get a Mandelson spin

By James Landale, Political Reporter

PETER MANDELSON, ace spin doctor and scourge of traditional socialists, has found a new notoriety among old Labour wags.

The party's beleaguered election strategist is now the target of their jokes. As denials of a rift between Mr Mandelson and Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, continue to reverberate in the corridors of Westminster, Mr Brown reportedly took a witty swipe at his colleague at the People's Palace Gallery on London's South Bank.

Refering to Mr Mandelson's alleged unpopularity in the party, Mr Brown told of the time when the Machiavellian figure asked him for 10p so he could use a pay phone to call a friend. "I gave him 20p so he could call them all," Mr Brown reportedly said.

The remark is the latest in a line of anecdotes about the MP for Hartlepool: one allegedly goes that he pointed at some mushy peas in a chip shop and asked for the avocado mousse.

Mr Mandelson was also the subject of more mirth at the People's Palace event last week — a fundraising dinner for *Tribune*, the left-wing magazine. Several Labour MPs took the opportunity to lampoon his new book, *The Blair Revolution*, which outlines the intellectual backdrop to the Labour leader's modernising reforms. As part of the fund raising, *Tribune* auctioned their review copy with selected comments from fellow Labour MPs inscribed inside the flyleaf. Paul Flynn, MP for Newport West, summed up the tone of their remarks. "This book is like a ride by train across Canada — miles and miles of f*** all."

Martin Rowson, the political cartoonist who won the book, complained: "I paid £100 for it. I was drunk."

Mandelson, left, was butt of joke by Brown

Reforming judges take over at the top

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

A FUNDAMENTAL shake-up of both civil and criminal justice systems was heralded yesterday with the announcement that Sir Thomas Bingham is to be the next Lord Chief Justice, the most senior serving judge.

Sir Thomas's current post as Master of the Rolls, the country's top civil judge, goes to Lord Woolf, the law lord, ushering in the most radical partnership at the top of the judiciary in legal history.

The appointments, which take effect on June 4, have been prompted by the enforced retirement of Lord Taylor of Gosforth, who has cancer, and come at a time of unprecedented tension between the Government and judiciary. But the changes — announced within 24 hours of an onslaught by Lord Taylor and an array of peers and former Tory ministers over the Government's sentencing plans — prompted fears in some quarters that judicial opposition to the measures might not be so sustained under the new leadership.

Anne Rafferty, QC, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, reflected the muted reaction of many in legal circles when she said: "Our response is really overshadowed by our sadness at the departure of Lord Taylor, for whom we feel great warmth and affection." She added:

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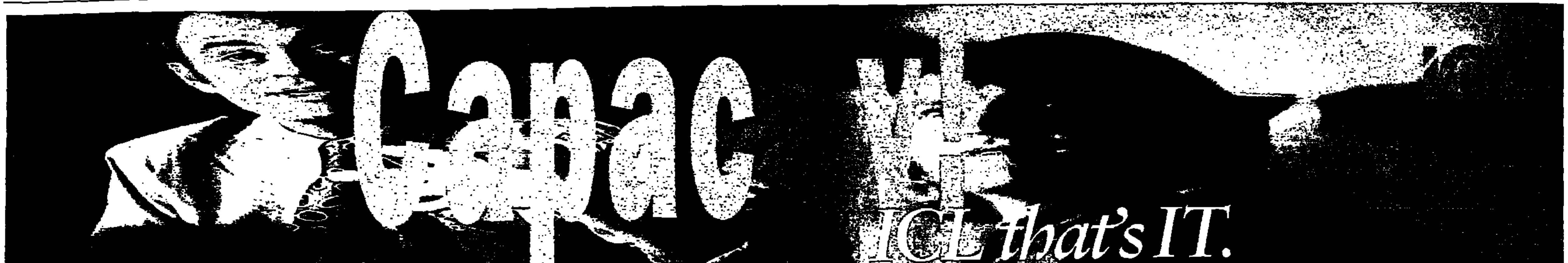

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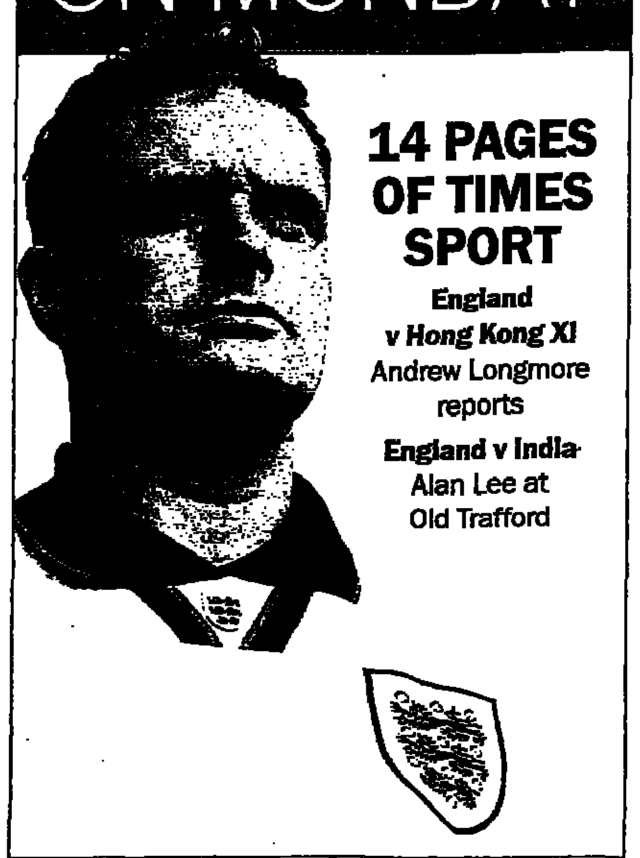

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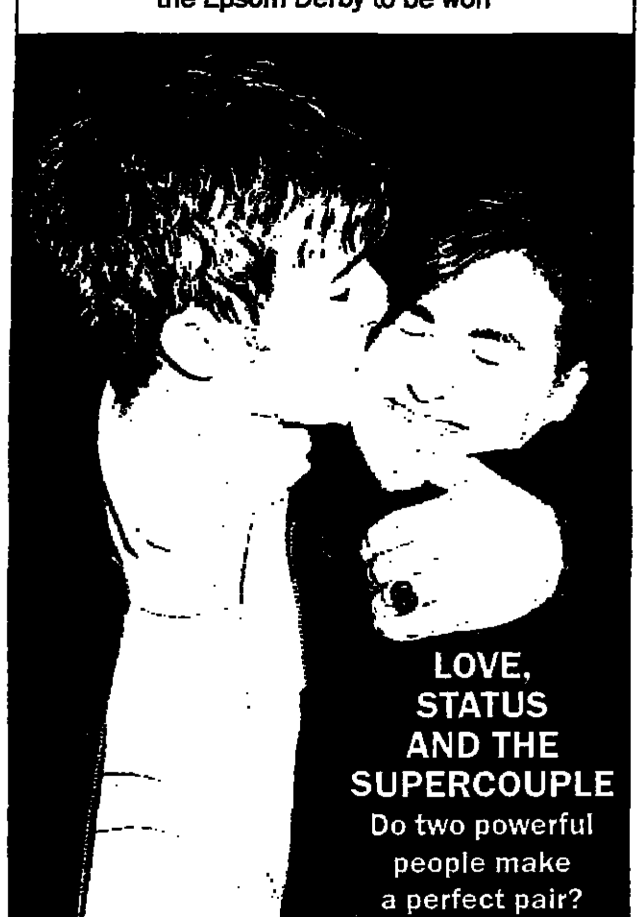

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MATTHEW PARRIS, COLUMNIST OF THE YEAR

Hogg prepares to accept his fate

By Philip Webster and Michael Hornsby

DOUGLAS HOGG admitted yesterday that he could lose his job over his handling of the beef crisis and hinted that he has offered to quit.

The embattled Agriculture Minister spoke as the Government formally launched its challenge to the European Union's ban on British beef exports, lodging appeal papers with the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

Mr Hogg, who has seen John Major and Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, take charge of the Government's response to the affair, has been under growing criticism from ministers. They say he has been insensitive in government discussions and in dealing with Britain's European partners.

He told BBC Radio 4's *Today* that if he were dismissed he would accept his fate with "as much grace as I can muster". Asked whether he had offered to resign, he spurned the opportunity to deny Westminster reports and said only: "Ah, that's another matter, isn't it." Neither Mr Hogg, his officials, nor Downing Street offered to clarify his remarks.

Whitehall sources disclosed that Mr Hogg has had personal talks with Mr Major since the BSE scare began and they speculated that he may have proffered his resignation at such a meeting. A senior source said: "Mr Hogg is very patrician. He has a sense of duty. It would be fully in keeping for him to have offered to put his life on the line."

On the same programme Mr Hogg set out a step-by-step framework for lifting the European Union ban on British beef, admitting it could take a long time. Asked if the ban would still be in force by the end of the year, he said: "I prefer not to speculate in those terms, but I do accept that we are looking at quite an extended programme. There is a lot of opposition and it is going to take time to break that opposition down."

He was looking for a relaxation of the ban on tallow, gelatine and semen at the next meeting of EU farm ministers on June 3 and 4, to be followed "within a few weeks" by young calves, exports to non-EU countries and beef from specialist, slow-maturing herds certified to be free of BSE.

Mr Hogg made no mention of any further cull of cattle, which is certain to be demanded by Brussels and other EU member states. He admitted that the BSE crisis had been difficult but denied that it had been mishandled.

He said: "If you are looking at the main issues ... I think we have done that which we have needed to do and I do not honestly think we have failed to do anything that we ought to have done."

Mr Hogg said that he was "not by instinct a quitter", adding: "This is a difficult and interesting job. I like doing it and I am very happy to go on doing it, but it is equally true that all ministers' jobs are at the disposal of the Prime Minister and if he feels that somebody else will do it better, I will accept his decision with as much grace as I can muster."

Brussels officials have said that a serious situation has been aggravated by Mr Hogg's decision not to give them warning of the impending scare and by his subsequent "undiplomatic" behaviour at meetings of farm ministers.

Sources close to government committees monitoring the crisis have complained about what they call his graceless approach. Others call him a know-all who has failed to grasp the magnitude of Britain's isolation over the issue.

Paddy Ashdown yesterday put his party on the alert for a possible "beef election" in the autumn. In a letter to his local Yeovil party, the Liberal Democrat leader said that Conservatives were talking of going to the country on the issue of "Who runs Britain — Westminster or Brussels?"

Meanwhile it emerged yesterday that Jacques Santer, the European Commission president, has pulled out of a planned visit to Britain. He had been due to deliver a keynote speech on Britain's future in Europe. The Commission's UK office strongly denied the decision to abandon the three day visit next month was connected to Britain's non co-operation policy with Europe.

Rifkind calls for more privatisation

By Philip Webster, political editor

MALCOLM RIFKIND yesterday called for the privatisation of the remaining publicly-owned industries and greater private provision of services such as health, education and welfare.

In a rare speech on domestic policy, the Foreign Secretary set out his stall to Conservative MPs in a way that confirmed their belief that he has markedly moved to the Right and could be a prominent contender in a future party leadership contest.

Mr Rifkind, whose scepticism over a single European currency has already stamped his credentials among his party's Euro-sceptics, will have pleased the Right with his endorsement of an increasing role for private sector "social insurance" to curb the growth of social security spending and with his call for the Government to continue the fight against vested interests even at the risk of short-term unpopularity.

In what seemed to be backing for any future attempt to privatise the Post Office, the Foreign Secretary said that the few remaining industries that were in public ownership needed to be placed where they belonged, in the private sector. Aides said he was particularly keen to see more of the defence service industries privatised.

Speaking in Edinburgh, Mr Rifkind said the Conservatives should always be seeking to reduce the burden of taxation when it was fiscally prudent.

"It should always be our assumption that in most areas, though not all, the private as opposed to the public provision of goods and services is preferable. So when we talk of targets for the public sector share of gross domestic product, as Conservatives we should always be examining how we can reduce the current figure further. It is a challenge that should never go away."

In the health service, he called for a "relentless" search for efficiency savings by cutting out "unnecessary" administration and ensuring doctors focus on proven treatments. Following the introduction of nursery vouchers, he said there had to be a further examination of the public and private mix in the provision of education. There would have to be "an increasing role for private sector social insurance in an increasingly prosperous society."

PETER NICHOLLS

Rifkind: his speech will have pleased the Right

Mr Rifkind's is one of a series of speeches recently by leading Tory figures which have inevitably been seen as reminders of their leadership status.

He agreed that there was a problem in presenting Conservatism. Their policies could sound harsh and uncompromising while those of their opponents could sound cosy and reassuring. He said: "In power, Conservatives will always be vulnerable to the individual example. Our philosophy is to try to devolve power to individuals and that inevitably means that we must accept the risk of those individuals making mistakes."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pheasants destroyed in fowl-pest outbreak

A pheasant-rearing farm in East Sussex is counting the cost of Britain's first outbreak of fowl pest (also known as Newcastle disease) for 12 years. A second outbreak is suspected and being investigated on a nearby chicken farm.

The entire stock of 3,550 birds owned by Roger and Jane Garrard of the Sky Farm and Pheasantry at Broad Oak, near Heathfield, were destroyed by officials from the Ministry of Agriculture within hours of the highly contagious disease being confirmed.

An area within six miles of the farm has been quarantined for 21 days during which no movements of poultry or hatching eggs will be permitted. The restrictions extend to all birds in captivity, including racing pigeons.

Tunnel security switch

Eurotunnel is laying off 40 security guards at the entrance to the Channel Tunnel, regarded as one of Britain's top terrorism targets, and replacing them with secretaries and catering staff to save money. The guards, whose role includes searching cars and lorries entering the tunnel, are on fixed contracts that are not being renewed when they run out in September. The company, which owes its bankers £8 billion, said the replacement staff would have "the same selection procedure as anybody else and if they are not good enough they will not get the jobs".

Airport security held up

Almost eight years after the terrorist bomb over Lockerbie, few European airports have introduced security screenings of all hold bags, security experts at the European Civil Aviation Conference in London admitted. Only Britain and Belgium are near to ensuring that all hold baggage goes through an X-ray or explosive-detection machine on its way from the check-in desk to the hold of an aircraft. More than £400 million in advanced American-made equipment capable of detecting bombs or explosives will not be operational at all British airports until the end of the year.

Tube gets steamed up

The age of steam returns to the London Underground this weekend with a series of excursion between stations at the northern end of the Metropolitan Line from today until Monday. Two steam-hauled passenger trains will run from 10am to 7pm during the three days with half-hourly services between Watford and Amersham. Between Harrow and Moor Park enthusiasts can see two steam trains running parallel at the start of each day. Steam engines continued to be used on the Underground, mainly for shunting, until 1971, three years after they disappeared from British Rail.

Drug hope for acne

Scientists have grown acne in the test tube, opening the way to a cure for one of the worst scourges of adolescence. Using skin from middle-aged women discarded during facelift surgery, researchers at the University of Cambridge led by Dr Terence Kealey have demonstrated in the laboratory how the pores become clogged and inflamed, causing acne. Unilever, which funded the research published in the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*, has patented the process in the expectation that it will lead to a new designer drug for acne.

Reforming judges

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"We welcome the appointment of the new Lord Chief Justice and view it with polite interest."

The appointment of Sir Thomas, 62, is a break with tradition in that his legal career was not forged in the criminal courts. Both he and Lord Woolf are reformers, committed to a radical overhaul of the civil courts to cut delays and cost in the civil justice system, now being finalised by Lord Woolf at the end of a two-year inquiry.

As Master of the Rolls, Lord Woolf will be ideally placed to oversee his own reforms, while Sir Thomas is expected to apply the same principles — more management of trials by judges, curbs on lawyers' long speeches — in the criminal courts. Sir Thomas is also likely to look afresh at some of the shibboleths of the criminal justice system such as the circuit system by which High Court judges travel out to the regions.

Both men also strongly favour incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law.

On sentencing reforms, Sir Thomas has so far been measured, expresssing some concern about minimum sentences but also sympathising with the aim behind the measures.

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"Invasion of Belgium 1994", which is in reference to the clash between rival fans when Newcastle United went to Antwerp for the Uefa Cup.

Police are aware that The Gremlins' main rivals, the Seaburn Casuals, who follow Sunderland, have launched a recruitment drive for Euro 96, complete with a poster campaign to attract supporters in the city and from abroad.

Alan Oliver, Northumbria's Assistant Chief Constable, said that the campaign "indicates the level of organisation involved. While football violence has been largely eradicated from grounds, there is a feeling it still remains in the background. This confirms what we saw in Ireland [during the Ireland v England match last year] and other international matches. The organisation is very worrying and something we are tackling."

Information from yesterday's raids will be analysed at the football intelligence unit at the National Criminal Intelligence Service's headquarters in south London. The unit will operate a 24-hour intelligence nerve centre from a special suite at Scotland Yard during Euro 96, manned by officers from 19 forces.

North Sea Ferries said yesterday that it would refuse to bring parties of foreign fans to England for the tournament. The firm runs four overnight ferries from Rotterdam and Zeebrugge to Hull.

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Road rage thugs threaten man, 73, with petrol bomb

By Bill Frost

A TWICE wounded war veteran suffering from cancer was dragged from his car, beaten mercilessly and threatened with a petrol bomb during a "road rage" attack by three young men.

Ronald Francis, 73, waved his thanks when he was given the right of way by the driver of another vehicle, who apparently thought he had made an obscene gesture. After a chase, the old soldier, who fought with the 2nd Parachute Regiment during the Normandy landings and at Arnhem, was overtaken by his pursuers.

"I was frightened to death, absolutely terrified," Mr Francis said. "They followed me after I waved at them for letting me through at the corner. Before they dragged me out of my car, one of them walked up with a bottle filled with a pink liquid. He screamed he would 'torch' the car if I didn't open the door. I had no choice but to get out. I have had horrible thoughts about being burnt since seeing Germans kill our wounded and dying at Arnhem with phosphorous bullets."

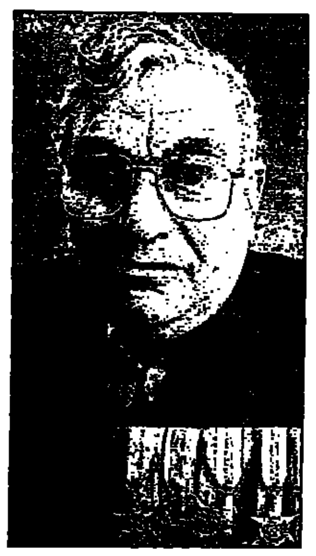
Two of the three men dragged him from behind the wheel by his hair and swung him on to the side of the vehicle before beating him about the head, body and legs. The third stood by eating chips.

Mr Francis, who suffers from cancer of the prostate, was set upon after leaving a branch meeting of the Normandy Veterans Association (NVA) in Portsmouth, Hampshire, on Tuesday night. His attackers only relented when one noticed their victim was wearing an NVA crest on his blazer. He pointed this out to the other two, who pushed him back into his car and, accusing him of putting up two fingers to them, warned: "Don't do that again." Before leaving they gave Mr Francis one last kick.

After driving home to Chichester, where he lives with his wife Edna, he was admitted to hospital and treated for shock and bruising.

Hampshire police said one of the men, who were in a dark coloured saloon car, possibly a Vauxhall, was 6ft tall and aged about 20. He had a long chin and denim jacket, and it is thought he was called Pauly.

Detective Sergeant Graham Wilson said: "This was a clear example of yobs committing wanton violence. Mr Francis is terrified as a result of this attack. It's a particularly nasty incident of road rage and none of the officers who have been dealing with this can quite believe the circumstances."



Francis: dragged out of car and beaten

The attack has appalled and angered Mr Francis's fellow Normandy Veterans. Eddie Wallace, the Portsmouth branch chairman, said: "I just do not know what is happening to people these days. I don't wish to put down all young people, but it seems to be typical of the army of uneducated youth of today. There is no way a man of Ronald's age is going to make any sign that is going to cause anyone to wallop him."

Mr Francis joined the RAF in 1940 aged 18 but transferred to No 2 platoon, 2nd Parachute Regiment in 1942 as a machine-gunner. He was one of 10,000 troops dropped to take the bridge at Arnhem.

"Less than 2,000 of our boys came home from Holland. I was shot in the thigh on the bridge at Arnhem, and bayoneted in the knee during the third German bayonet charge," he recalled. "I didn't go through the bloody war to be treated like this.

"If this had happened when I was 30 years younger it would have been a different story. I was trained in close-order fighting techniques when I was in the Paras and I would have given all three of them a damn good pasting.

"I can't believe this happened to me. What kind of a world do we live in where people can attack an old man just because he's waved at them?"

Graduate wins £25,000 for bad job reference

By John O'Leary and Tim Jones

JAMES CHREADLE

Michele Benton claimed remarks in the reference were inaccurate and misleading

A GRADUATE who claimed that a poor reference destroyed her career prospects has won £25,000 compensation in a landmark case that could have lasting consequences for employers' traditional selection processes.

Michele Benton, who is now 33, accepted an out-of-court settlement after a seven-year battle for loss of earnings in a job as a computer programmer. Employment experts said that the award would discourage firms and education institutions from giving candid accounts of job applicants.

Mrs Brenton, from Fareham, Hampshire, took action against the former Polytechnic of Wales, now the Glamorgan University, when a job offer was withdrawn by Monmouth Borough Council three days before she was due to start work. Council officials said her reference was unsatisfactory but refused to allow her to see the document.

After years of litigation and searches for "mislaid files", Mrs Brenton was finally able to read what had been written about her. She claimed that remarks written by a course leader were inaccurate and misleading.

The reference questioned her "personal attitude and emotional state". Mrs Brenton's work was said to be of a very low standard. Despite divorcing during the final year of her course, Mrs Brenton managed a third-class degree but the reference said it had been considered extremely unlikely that she would survive the course.

Mrs Brenton sued Mid-Glamorgan Council, which was responsible for the polytechnic at the time, for £98,000, based on a starting salary of £10,470 a year in the job she lost.

Now remarried and chairman of her own computer company, Mrs Brenton said the reference had wrecked her chances of a vital first job. "I hope my action will set a precedent and make sure that no other student is treated in the same way."

Graham Wright, who wrote the reference, said: "I gave the reference in good faith, and it was perceived to be in the best interests of both the applicant for the job and the employer."

But Gary Davies, the director of marketing and public affairs at Glamorgan University, said reference procedures had since been reviewed and guidelines issued to all staff. "It is a lesson we have learned and a warning to other organisations to be very careful with references which may be construed as being opinionated and prejudicial."

Heiress on film trying to hire killer

AN HEIRESS who teaches at a Sunday school and tried to have a property developer killed after a business deal went wrong was told by a judge yesterday that she faces a prison sentence.

Sheelagh Costaine, 39, had denied two charges of soliciting to murder John Tunstill, 59, who was engaged by Costaine's family to sell properties in Italy and was owed £50,000 by Costaine.

Costaine, the daughter of a Contessa, had denied offering Adrian Brooks £10,000 to "shoot, kill and eliminate" Mr Tunstill in February last year. Mr Brooks contacted police and Costaine was secretly filmed at a hotel in High Wycombe asking the police officer to have Mr Tunstill killed. A psychiatric report on Costaine, found guilty at Reading Crown Court, said she "acted irrationally". Costaine, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, was released on conditional bail but Mr Justice Sedley told her she should "recognise the seriousness of her situation". She will be sentenced on June 13.

Police seek clue to M25 killer

By Bill Frost

ALTHOUGH they have received thousands of calls from the public about the "road rage" murder of a man on the M25 by another driver, police say they need more positive information to catch the killer.

Detective Superintendent John Grace, who is leading the hunt for Stephen Cameron's killer, said that despite an overwhelming response to the BBC television *Crimewatch UK* programme, he needed information "that hits me between the eyes".

Mr Cameron, 21, was stabbed to death in front of his fiancée, Danielle Cable, on Sunday at the Swanley intersection of the M25 by the driver of a Land Rover Discovery. Miss Cable made an emotional appeal for help in catching the man on the programme on Thursday.

Mr Grace said several informants — over 2,000 had contacted police so far — had given names and described violent people. "But what we need is just that little bit more which actually makes us sit up and get excited about this information, so that we know this is the right person we are looking for".

Kent police said last night that detectives were still working on the assumption that the killer had been driving a Land Rover Discovery. "There are thousands we need to trace and there is no guarantee that the vehicle was carrying legal plates, they could have been false," a spokesman said.

The driver of the L-registered vehicle is described as in his late thirties to early fifties, 5ft 10in tall, of medium build with dark greying hair. Miss Cable appealed to anyone who might be sheilding him to come forward.

"Just phone, tell us who it is. We can't grieve about him until this person's been found," she said.

"We'd been together for three years. We got engaged at Christmas. We were going to get married soon. I just wish he had stabbed me as well, so I could have died with him and we could still be together."

Anne Diamond has a bad morning after show is axed

By Robin Young

JUST because you usually face the public on a sofa does not mean that you take things lying down. Anne Diamond was said to have proved that at the farewell party for the BBC's *Good Morning* programme, axed yesterday after a four-year run.

She and her co-presenter Nick Owen joined 50 programme staff for the party shortly after the show ended yesterday. The partygoers saw Ms Diamond's reaction when she received a bouquet of flowers and a faxed message of thanks from Alan Yentob, the Controller of BBC1. She threw them on the floor in disgust, a witness claimed.

"Alan Yentob obviously meant it as a gesture of goodwill thanking them for all their hard work but it backfired badly. Anne read the fax message and plainly did not agree with what Mr Yentob said about the programme," a guest at the party alleged. The guest reported Ms Diamond as saying: "After what I have just read, I could not possibly accept these flowers." The guest claimed: "Then she just flung the bouquet to the floor. A lot of people looked pretty amazed at the outburst."

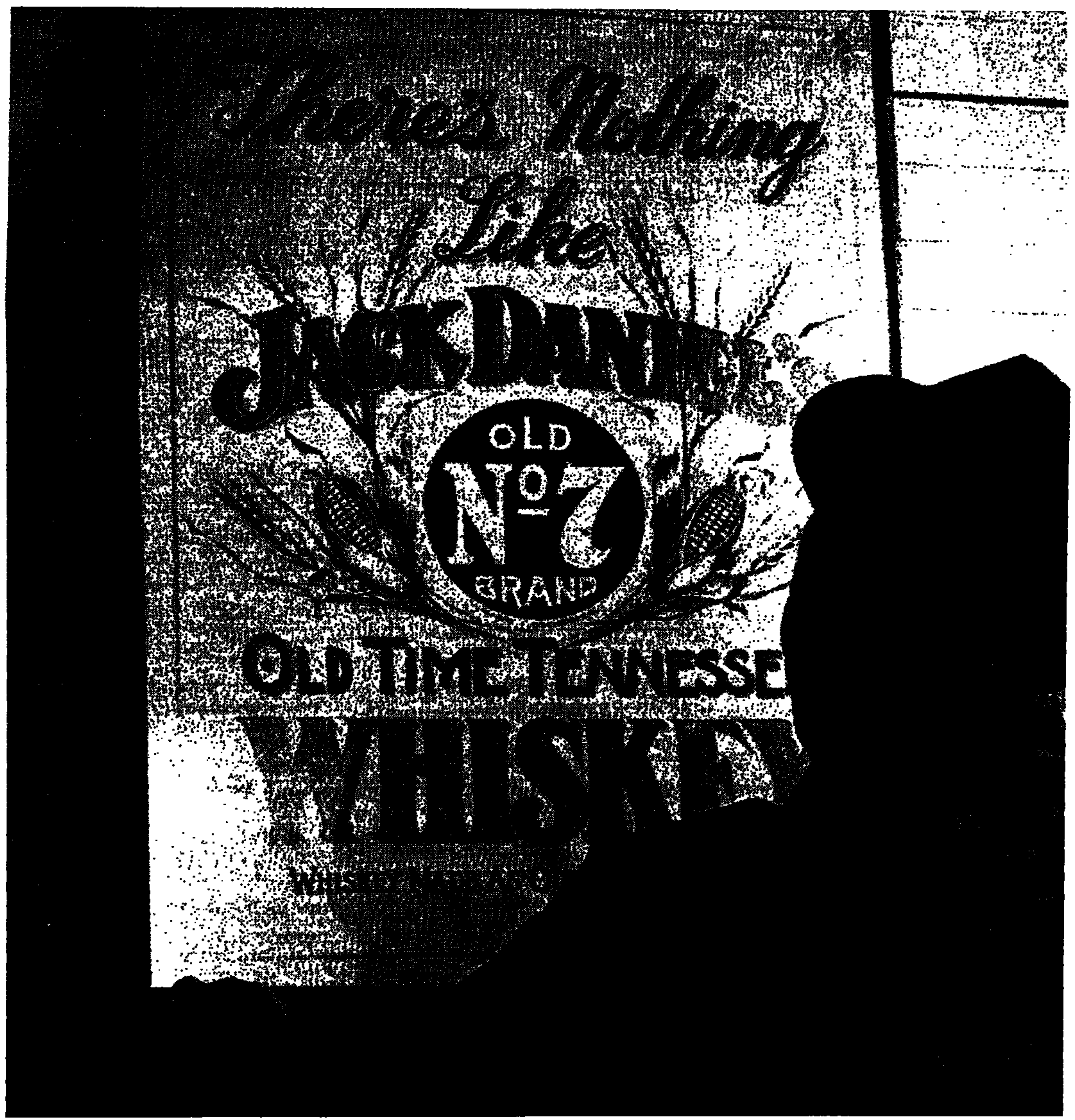
Diamond and Owen on the last *Good Morning*

The guest's account of the party was different from that offered earlier by Gorden Kaye, the star of *'Allo 'Allo*, who had appeared on the final programme. He said as he left the BBC's Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham: "The atmosphere in there is wonderful. There are no tears and it is a terrific send-off."

Phil Dale, Ms Diamond's agent in London, said: "Anne did put the flowers down but the bouquet was very large, absolutely gi-normous. She took the flowers with her when she left."

A BBC spokesperson at Pebble Mill said: "It is true that Anne refused the flowers offered by Mr Yentob, which were presented to her by Nigel Chapman, Pebble Mill's Head of Broadcasting, on his behalf. It would be fair to say that Anne had trouble accepting the tribute after the show had been axed and was a little put out."

The BBC will fill *Good Morning*'s time with children's programmes and sport. It has not yet announced presenters or format for the programme that will take over after the summer.



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Eastbourne takes the shine off Jersey's sun boast

By Philip Jeune

EASTBOURNE has won the opening skirmish in "sun wars", but arch rival Jersey still claims to be the sunniest place in the British Isles, and is supported by the Meteorological Office.

The East Sussex resort, which has nearly 200,000 visitors a year, complained to television watchdogs about an advertisement in which the Channel Island claimed, on average, to get more sunshine than anywhere else.

The claim was based on Met Office statistics for 1961-90 which show that Jersey, which gets half a million UK visitors, had more sunshine than its mainland rivals. However, over the past five years Jersey has been beaten in the sunshine stakes by Eastbourne and, based on these figures, Eastbourne council claimed the TV ad was misleading.

In a ruling to be announced next week, the Independent Television Commission upholds Eastbourne's complaint, saying that the 1991-95 figures, being "more recent and covering a reasonably long period", should take precedence.

"I'm delighted that the ITC have said that this sort of claim takes things too far," Ron Cussons, Eastbourne's director of tourism, said. "Jersey has been selective with the figures it chose. You could go back 100 years."

However Sheila Henwood, director of tourism on Jersey, said: "We're very surprised by the decision. In meteorological terms 30 years is considered to be the relevant period, not five. We suspected that Eastbourne felt this was a publicity opportunity."

That the 30-year figure is the right one is a view shared by Malcolm Brooks, of the Met Office at Bracknell, who says that Jersey is the sunniest place in the British Isles with its average of 1,914 hours of sunshine a year.

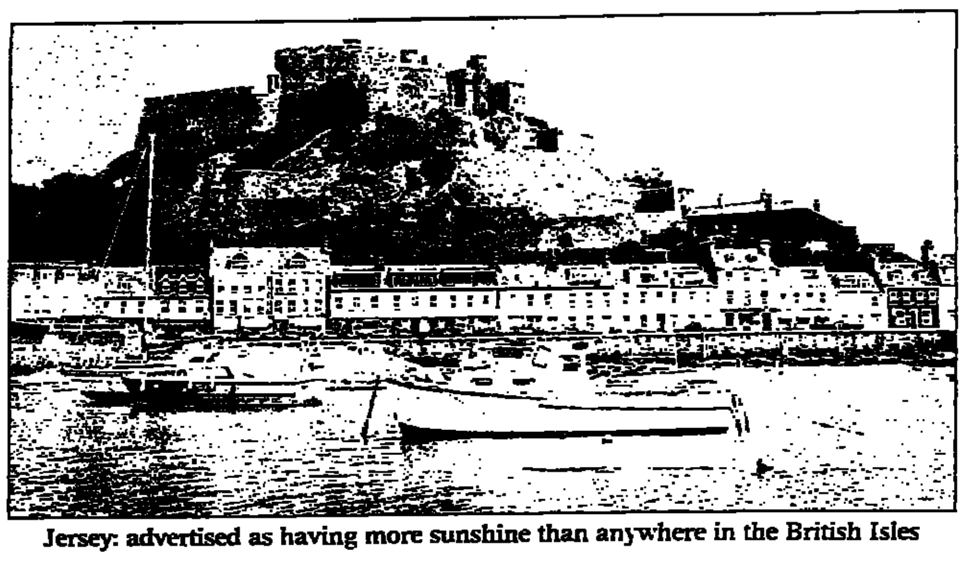
Jersey's advertisement, part of a £2 million campaign featuring the comedienne Dawn French as the voice of an animated Jersey cow, Lillie, was originally approved by the Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre after seeing the 30-year statistics.

"We had to prove our claims before the ad went on air," Mrs Henwood said, "and evidence was provided to the BACC about our sunshine and our clean seawater. All the evidence is stacked in our favour."

However, after the ITC decision, Lillie appears to have been put in the shade by Eastbourne's tourism mascot, Mr Sunshine. Senator Dick Shenton, Jersey tourism chief, reacted philosophically to the news. "Good luck to Eastbourne, I wish them well," he said, adding: "There are enough tourists out there for all of us."

The official Met Office figures show that from 1961 to 1990, the average amount of sunshine was 1,914 hours in Jersey and 1,833 in Eastbourne. From 1991 to 1995, Eastbourne had 1,832 hours and Jersey 1,798.

Eastbourne: tourist chiefs claim that an advertisement for Jersey is misleading



Jersey: advertised as having more sunshine than anywhere in the British Isles

Longed-for rain washes out holiday events

By Harvey Elliott and Kyle Smith

VILLAGE fêtes, cricket matches, hot-air balloon meetings, fruit-picking festivals and even sheep-shearing competitions were called off yesterday as the rain poured down and Britain faced another washed-out Bank Holiday weekend.

But weather forecasters offered a glimmer of hope for Bank Holiday Monday, which should be dry with some sunshine even though temperatures are expected to be well below the average for late spring.

"We are getting the kind of weather that we should have had about six weeks ago," a Met Office forecaster said yesterday. "We are hovering between winter and spring and although it looks as if Monday will be rather better, make the most of it because this unsettled weather is continuing as far ahead as we can see."

The rain which prevented the completion of the England v India one-day cricket match at The Oval forced the abandonment of a horserace meeting at Brighton and prevented sheep-shearing because of the sodden wool and aching wrists of shearers in the biting cold.

The Chelsea Flower Show ended on a damp and dripping note. Because of the rain, 140,000 cups of tea and coffee were sold compared with 90,000 last year, while sales of ice cream were down to 30,000 against the 80,000 enjoyed by visitors during the hot weather a year ago.

But at least the water companies were smiling as the rain helped reservoir levels. There was some hope that they would be able to keep the water taps running through the summer.

Others were less sanguine. Derek Belton, of the British Balloon and Airships Club, faced reality and admitted: "Events have been washed out this weekend." Peter Plummer, of the Auto-Cycle Union, said many motorcycling events had already been cancelled and that the British Motorcross Championship, due to be held today in Ailsworth, Cambridgeshire, is under threat.

Fred Inch, of the English Bowling Association, said: "We're not happy with the weather. In fact, it's terrible. We've had the worst start to the season we've had in years."

Fruit-picking was also held back largely because there is so little ripened fruit to be found. Concordia, a group of youth services volunteers, said picking sessions were cancelled for the weekend. Even the crop needed to supply Wimbledon fortnight is threatened by the late start to the season.

But some people remained undaunted by the rain. Morris Dancers promised to celebrate the spring as usual. Martin Roberts, secretary for Open Morris, said: "We'll go on regardless, especially at Whitsun.

"There's certainly some big weekends and events coming up and they won't get cancelled just because of the weather, although we prefer it to be sunny. To be honest, we like to think the weather actually changes for us."

Many tourism officials said that pre-booking had already guaranteed surprisingly strong business for the Bank Holiday weekend. In Bournemouth, the tourist trade was "actually looking good", the tourism office said.

"If the sun was shining, I expect our phones would have been even busier. We've done our sun dance here, the opposite of a rain dance, but it hasn't worked this weekend."

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Disruptive pupil cured by learning with mother

By A Staff Reporter

TEACHERS put a disruptive schoolboy on the path to becoming a model pupil by arranging for his mother to sit with him in class.

Anthony Kidd, 15, had been suspended from school because of rudeness to teachers and other misbehaviour. But when he returned he showed no improvement and ignored threats of further action.

Staff at Hattersley High School in Tameside, Greater Manchester, took up Debbie Kidd's suggestion that she accompany her son to lessons for a day to make sure he paid attention. The embarrassing experience had a salutary effect and Anthony has now been nominated as a prefect.

Michael Buczynski, deputy headmaster, said: "When Anthony found out what was up he was devastated. He was terrified he was going to be shown up in front of his friends. She sat at the back and said, 'Come on Anthony, get on with your work'."

Anthony Kidd: given unforgettable lesson

Anthony, who is studying for GCSEs and hopes to become a vet, said: "The lesson was an experience I won't forget. I was really embarrassed."

Mrs Kidd said that he had "improved a lot". The 500-pupil comprehensive school has no plans to repeat the experiment, but teachers say the fear of similar humiliation has subdued his classmates.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "If anything works in turning around disruptive pupils, I welcome it. But bringing parents into class would be totally impractical on a national scale."

Families fear MoD homes sale

The possible sale of the Armed Forces' married quarters to the Japanese bank Nomura International is causing concern among service families.

The Ministry of Defence wants to sell the 55,000 married quarters and lease back those it needs to house service personnel.

Cherry Milne of the Army Families Federation, said: "If selling to a Japanese bank is considered to be in the interests of service families, I am extremely alarmed."

Silcott appeal

Winston Silcott, whose conviction of murdering PC Keith Blakelock was quashed, has lost his attempt at the Court of Appeal to overturn a court decision that blocked part of his claim for damages against the Metropolitan Police, alleging two officers fabricated interview evidence.

WPC loses case

Teresa Taylor, a 26-year-old former policewoman, had her damages claim for sex discrimination against the Nottinghamshire force rejected by an industrial tribunal. She had alleged that her ex-lover, a serving officer, was a member of an illegal Nazi group and had beaten her up.

Tube attack

A bank security guard who attacked an Underground official when his train was delayed has been jailed for two years by Southwark Crown Court. Robert O'Brien, 42, of Ladbroke Grove, west London, punched his victim so hard he was lifted off the ground and thrown six feet.

Graduate jailed

A graduate of Balliol College, Oxford, was jailed for three months by city magistrates for obscene telephone calls to women students. Geoffrey Connell-O'Brien, 47, who lives in the city, read *The Complete Works of Shakespeare* as he sat in the dock. He is to appeal against sentence.

Amis divorce

The 12-year marriage of the writer Martin Amis and Antonia Phillips has ended with an uncontested divorce in London. The couple, who did not attend the hearing, have two children. Ms Phillips had sued for divorce on the basis that they had lived apart for more than two years.

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Sadler's Wells cuts 61 staff after £30m lottery handout

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

SADLER'S WELLS Theatre in north London is laying off two thirds of its staff only months after receiving £30 million of National Lottery money from the Arts Council.

A master carpenter who has been there for more than 21 years is among 61 backstage workers who have been told that they will lose their jobs next month when the theatre closes and moves to a temporary home at the the Royalty Theatre in central London. Some, it is believed, may be rehired, but will have to reapply for their jobs.

The theatre manager, chief electrician and front-of-house manager have received letters from the management, headed by Ian Albery, the chief executive. It says the existing staff is not required during a two-year £38 million rebuilding programme at the theatre in Islington. The union claims that 21 managers are being retained on full pay.

Tom Bell, a national official with the technicians union Bectu, said: "They've also kept on two cleaners — presumably so that they can keep it clean for the managers." He added: "I've heard of 'too many chiefs and not enough Indians', but not, 'too many chiefs and no Indians'." Paul Howard, 49, the master carpenter who rigs and operates the sets, said: "I am bitter and angry. They haven't made any effort to give people their jobs back when the new theatre opens in two years' time.

"First we were told we wouldn't be offered our jobs back. Then they guaranteed an interview, along with others who wanted to apply. This is my job — a job I've had for 21 years. Then they said they would be guaranteed. The next day, they said they'd offer our jobs back 'if we were suitable'. After 21 years, if I wasn't suitable, they would have found out by now."

Other casualties include Michael Coghlan, 56, a stagedoor attendant, who said: "We were all led by the nose. We all thought the redevelopment was a good idea, and still do. The trouble is we thought we were going to be included in it."

Also on the hit-list is Jim Smith, a theatre manager who was a dancer with the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet until injuries forced him to retire backstage: he has worked at the theatre for 15 years.

The union, which is planning to take Sadler's Wells to an industrial tribunal, expressed outrage that some staff who had worked at the theatre for more than 15 years had been offered redundancy pay of £200. Mr Bell said that among the worst cases were elderly cleaners who had worked there for 20 years: because they were well past retirement, they were not entitled to state redundancy.

"After a lot of pressure, the management finally offered them £200 in ten instalments of £20 a piece. These ladies were working there long before Ian Albery had even heard of the place," he said.

Mr Albery reacted angrily to the union's claims and said the suggestion that 21 members of staff were all managers was "a lie. We are keeping on 23 members of staff. Eight are managers but the rest are ordinary workers, including people in secretarial and programming."

He added: "The philosophy is to keep those people who are the nucleus of staff necessary to start again in another theatre." Asked about the £200 given to the cleaners, he said: "That's another lie. The cleaners have been offered a four-figure sum, over £1,000 each.

"It is very distressing for me too. It is terrifying to make people redundant. It is not easy, believe me. A lot of people are understandly hurt. Without the lottery money, the theatre would have closed and 85 people would have lost their jobs — myself included.

"It's a rundown theatre where there's been no investment probably since it was built in 1930. It receives no public subsidy. Our total funding is less than 6 per cent of our revenue."

He added: "Mr Howard has misunderstood the situation. As soon as we know which jobs we can offer, we're not going to advertise anywhere else. I expect we will employ as many as possible at the Royalty. However, it's about half the size of our present operation. I cannot guarantee everybody back their jobs because there will be different jobs to a certain extent. The Royalty is not owned by us. They control some of the staffing.

"The moment we know which jobs are available, we will notify staff."

☐ More than 100 Royal Shakespeare Company technicians at the Barbican in London have decided to ballot for strike action after the company announced that it would tour for six months of the year.

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PETER NICHOLLS

Michael Coghlan, a stage door attendant, faces redundancy. "We thought redevelopment was a good idea"

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THE FATHER'S TALE

The story of Jaymee Bowen, or "Child B", who died of leukaemia this week, is also the story of a father who transcended his own very human failings to take on the medical establishment

Read the extraordinary details of this young father's personal struggle — in News Review

THE SUNDAY TIMES tomorrow

Mother tells jury of all-night hunt after pantomime

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland correspondent

THE mother of a teenager killed on her way home from a Christmas pantomime told a court yesterday of her all-night search for her missing daughter.

Maureen Julyan, 46, from Kilmarnock, whose 16-year-old daughter Mhairi was killed on December 16 on her way home from Kilmarnock's Palace Theatre, told the High Court in Glasgow that her daughter was never late and usually telephoned her father to collect her.

Gavin McGuire, 37, denies assaulting, sexually assaulting and murdering the girl.

Mrs Julyan told the court: "When my daughter didn't come home or phone I became concerned. About 10.30pm or 10.45pm I walked almost to the Palace Theatre. I saw no sign of Mhairi. My daughter Claire and her boyfriend took me around Kilmarnock in the car trying to find her."

PC Brian Walls told the jury that he had found Mhairi's body in a disused coal bunker in a bus depot near her home the day after she disappeared.

The girl had been to an anniversary party for the grandmother of her friend Julie-Anne Holland. They went to the theatre. Mrs Julyan told the court that it had been arranged that Mhairi would phone her father, who would pick her up outside the theatre. But the show finished early at 9.15pm and Mhairi decided to walk. Half an hour after leaving for home, she had still not arrived.

The court saw a security video showing Mr McGuire walking through a shopping centre near the depot at 9.22pm on the night of the killing.

A barmaid, Sally Duncan, 38, identified Mr McGuire as a man who had been drinking that evening in the bar in Kilmarnock where she worked.

A dog breeder, Shirley Whitelaw, told the court that she had picked out the wrong man at an identity parade because she was worried about having left her dogs in her car for so long. She later told the police she had misled them. She said she had seen a man from her car while it was stationary, near the bus depot, at about 9.30pm, and identified Mr McGuire in court.

The trial before Lord Clyde continues on Tuesday.

Woman tried to murder lovers

By Lin Jenkins

A DIVORCEE who had one of her lovers stabbed and tried to lure the other to his death so that she could inherit their money was jailed for ten years yesterday.

While Ruth Jobbins was making wedding arrangements in return for the men bequeathing their combined wealth of £125,000, she was plotting their deaths with a man who owed her money, Bristol Crown Court was told.

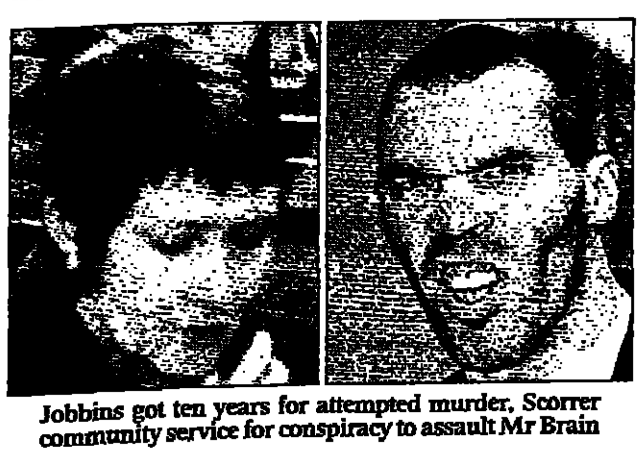
Jim Purdy, 61, a divorcé, was assaulted twice, thrown into Bristol docks and left to drown, but was rescued by a boatman. Two days earlier, in December 1994, Michael Brain, 58, a bachelor, was stabbed with a screwdriver. Mr Brain, 58, a computer operator, told the court he was standing by her and planned to leave her money in his will.

After Jobbins, 49, from Bristol, was convicted of attempted murder and conspiracy to assault, Mr Justice Smedley told her: "You told police that you were not a stupid woman. You are not. But you are an evil woman."

He said she stripped Mr Purdy, a retired postman, of his money until there was only his life assurance left.

Jobbins, 49, of Bristol, recruited Robert Wood, who owed money to her greengrocery business, to help her. Wood, 25, of Totterdown, Bristol, admitted attempting to murder Mr Purdy and conspiracy to assault Mr Brain. He was jailed for seven years.

Nicholas Scorrer, 34, of Bristol, who admitted conspiracy to assault Mr Brain, was ordered to carry out 180 hours' community service.



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Frances Gibb assesses how changes at the top of the judiciary might affect the legal system's future

New Chief Justice tipped to continue overhaul of courts

THE new Lord Chief Justice, Sir Thomas "Tom" Bingham, breaks new ground as the country's top criminal judge in hailing from the civil and commercial courts rather than from the criminal justice system he now comes to defend.

Sir Thomas, a radical moderniser who backs many of Lord Mackay of Clashfern's reforms of the legal system, takes over on June 4. His appointment stirred some nervousness yesterday among the profession's rank and file. Some see him as removed from their everyday concerns.

Previous holders of the post have been entrenched in the traditions of criminal practice. Sir Thomas's experience is confined to five years as a recorder (part-time judge) and then six years as a High Court judge.

His switch from the apex of the civil justice system, as Master of the Rolls, is seen by many as a prelude to a fresh overhaul of the criminal courts. Highly rated for what Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, has called his "Alpha plus mind", Sir Thomas, 62, is crisp, efficient and unfailingly courteous. His hallmark is rigorous analysis, unclogged by emotional preconceptions.

"We delude ourselves," he memorably said in response to the Lord Chancellor's proposed shake-up of the legal profession in 1989, "if we suppose there is not a large body of responsible, middle-of-the-road opinion, that regards the legal profession as riddled with anachronistic conventions and privileges."

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, former Master of the Rolls, said: "He's an elegant thinker. His style is very different from Lord Taylor's, who is by origin a circuiteer with criminal experience, while Sir Thomas comes from a commercial and City law background."

SIR THOMAS BINGHAM

Lord Donaldson added: "If people fear he will be removed from their concerns, I think they will be proved wrong."

Sir Thomas, the son of two medical doctors, grew up in Reigate, Surrey. His father was an Ulsterman and Sir Thomas's views — his dislike of over-long speeches, too high costs — are underpinned by a Protestant work ethic.

Chief among reforms he may address are: a shake-up of the system by which High Court judges go out on circuit; incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into United Kingdom law, as urged by the Labour Party; allowing television cameras as an experiment into Court of Appeal sittings; banishing wigs and introducing full advocacy rights for solicitors; and cutting the cost and delays of the legal system. Cost, he has said, is "a cancer eating at the heart of the administration of justice".

Another area of reform could be his own office of Lord Chief Justice, where he may delegate some of the huge administrative load and daily grind of sentencing appeals to one or more deputies.

At the same time, he may also, like Lord Widgery, one of his predecessors, return to hearing judicial review cases, enabling him to retain a key influence on case law.

His rise has been swift: he was educated school at Sedbergh School, where he was head boy, and Balliol College, Oxford, taking a first in modern history in 1956. He served in The Royal Ulster Rifles and the London Irish Rifles, then passed out top in Bar finals in 1959, joining Lord Scarman's liberal chambers, and specialised in commercial work. At 1972 he was made a QC at the age of 38. He become a Crown Court recorder in 1975 and a High Court judge in 1980. He went to the Court of Appeal in 1986.

He attracted attention with his report into sanctions busting in 1978, concluding that oil companies had knowingly violated trade sanctions against Rhodesia with the complicity of British civil servants. He chaired a second government inquiry in 1991 with the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Off duty, Sir Thomas collects modern art and enjoys brisk walks. He and his wife have three grown children.

His wife, Elizabeth, campaigned for the Liberal Democrats in the last election and Sir Thomas himself has said he is not "ideologically or temperamentally attracted to the doctrines or attitudes of the extreme right or extreme left."

But he is considered as more politically "sound" than some other senior judges: he publicly distanced himself, for instance, from Sir Richard Scott's views in his recent arms to Iraq inquiry on public-interest immunity. Nonetheless, as Lord Donaldson said, he is "his own man" who will attack Government if he thinks that justified.

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SIMON WALKER

Sir Thomas Bingham, left, the new Lord Chief Justice with a reforming reputation, and Lord Woolf, the outspoken new Master of the Rolls

Promotion for liberal critic of Government

LORD WOOLF will become Master of the Rolls and head of the civil justice system next month despite a reputation as one of the most outspoken critics of government penal policy.

The appointment of a liberal member of the judiciary, a move some people doubted would be made, has been praised as proof that the Government sets aside political considerations when recommending to the Queen who should fill the top judicial posts. But his new post as head of the Court of Appeal's civil division, while second in the judicial hierarchy, carries a lower profile than that of Lord Chief Justice and less political influence.

Many Tory rightwingers single out Lord Woolf, 63, as typifying the current conventional wisdom in the judiciary — soft on sentencing and expansive in the field of judicial review.

He has long been a critic of the Government's penal and criminal justice policy: four years ago he was tipped to become Master of the Rolls, and his views were thought then to have counted against him.

Lord Woolf's 1991 report into the Strangeways riot, recommending that inmates should expect decent minimum standards, including televisions in cells, was seen as a landmark document.

In 1993 there was a furore when he suggested that those who failed to protect their property should be fined — he later explained he had been referring to cars. He also said Britain should consider legalising some or all illegal drugs and control their distribution to stop addicts committing crimes to feed their habits.

It is in his 1993 lecture to the New Assembly of Churches, however, that the origins of the current tension between judiciary and executive can be detected. A few days after Michael Howard's first speech as Home Secretary indicated a change in penal policy, Lord Woolf attacked the new, "get-tough" approach as "short-sighted and irresponsible".

Now, though, his move from the House of Lords could not be more timely: he is just putting the finishing touches to the biggest shake-up of the civil courts for at least 50 years. As head of the Court of Appeal's civil division, he is superbly placed to see into effect his own series of proposals.

LORD WOOLF

They are aimed at cutting the costs and delays in the civil courts and include turning judges into trial managers who will dicate the pace of litigation: setting strict timetables for trials including the length of lawyers' speeches; and a new fast track for disputes of less than £10,000, with fixed legal costs.

Lord Woolf is also well positioned to oversee the development of the sensitive area of judicial review where he has long championed the rights of the individual against the State.

One observer said: "His great gift is as a communicator. He is very approachable, very intelligent — almost an academic in his approach. He is bold and sweeps aside obstacles when drawing up a blueprint. But he can tend to be a bit in the stratosphere — some might say his ideas don't always meet the test of practicability."

The gentle manner also hides a determination. "He is not as easy-going as he would seem and can get quite angry," the observer added.

Educated at Fettes College, Edinburgh, and University College London, Lord Woolf has three sons. His legal career has been in the field of public law. He was called to the Bar in 1954. In 1974 he was made Treasury junior, the barrister who advises government on civil matters. He sat as a recorder from 1972 to 1979, when he went to the High Court bench. He was promoted to the Court of Appeal in 1986. In 1994 the Lord Chancellor appointed him to carry out a review of the civil justice system.

In court he is widely liked by advocates. David Pannick, QC, said: "He encourages people to make their best points and appreciates you don't get the best out of people by shouting at them."

His main impact, though, is now likely to be in the wider sphere of civil justice, from the Court of Appeal down to the small claims court. Civil justice, he says, is "too expensive and too slow".

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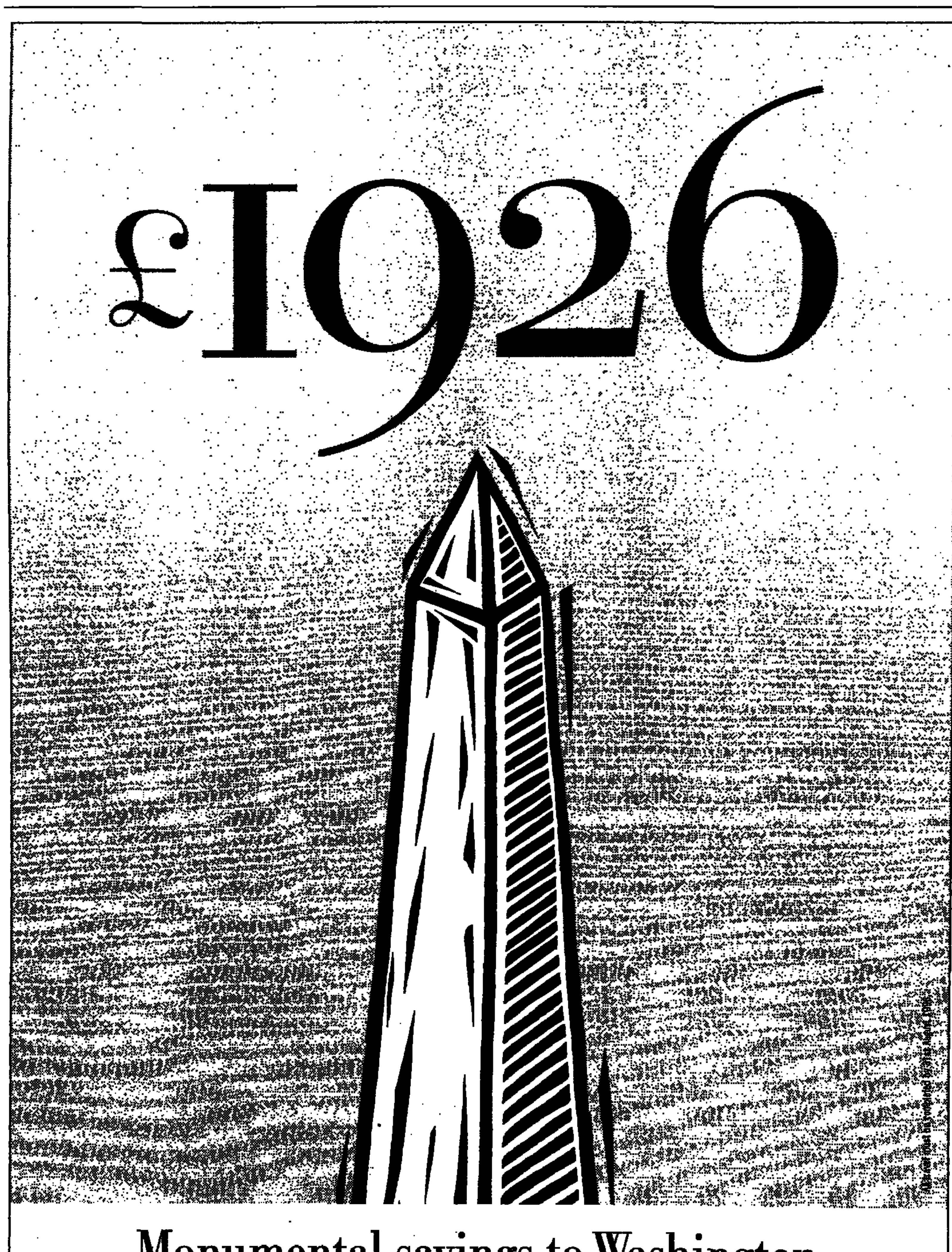

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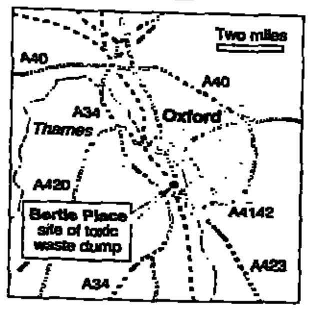
Cocktail of toxic chemicals found in back gardens

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent



ARSENIC, lead and mercury have been found in concentrations up to 16 times the maximum recommended safety level in dozens of back gardens in Oxford.

The 150 residents of 50 houses in New Hinksey are to have health checks and they will probably have to be evacuated while the gardens are dug up and replaced. They have been told not to eat any home-grown vegetables or let their children play with the soil in their gardens, which date from the 1930s.

Housing officials from Oxford City Council found the contamination by chance when they took routine soil samples while investigating subsidence.

The residents of the homes, mostly council houses, in Bertie Place and part of Abingdon Road, were told of the danger in a two-page letter from the council on Thursday evening. It said they had "probably not been harmed" but recommended health checks and other precautions.

Anne Eudell, 59, who has lived in Bertie Place for 30 years, said: "I am shocked. My husband died of cancer 15 years ago and five other people have died of cancer all in the same street. It seems a bit peculiar." Another resident, Melannie Burnham, has two small children, aged five and three, and is worried for their safety. She said: "We have recently been digging the garden and the kids have been playing in it. I do not know how I am going to stop them."

Jim Duffy, a retired council worker who has been growing potatoes and cabbages in his back garden in Bertie Place for more than 20 years, said: "I have been eating vegetables from my garden for years. God knows what it has done to me. If they decide to rehouse me it will be too late because the damage will have been done. The whole area used to be a tip before the houses were built and you would have thought they would have tested it properly before letting people live here. It could cause cancer or all sorts of diseases. You just do not know."

Dick Mayon-White, consultant public health physician to the Oxfordshire Health Authority, said: "The trouble with these metals is that they can accumulate so that people build up levels of toxicity in their tissues. Symptoms could include clumsiness, tremors, mental instability and learning difficulties in children. For the moment we do not think it is necessary to move the people concerned.

"They can continue to walk in their gardens and let their pets play there. The position will be reviewed when more tests have been carried out."

Questionnaires are being sent to the residents, asking them to mention any signs of ill-health that might indicate chemical poisoning. In the light of their replies they may be asked to take urine and blood tests.

The affected houses were all built by Oxford City Council in 1933 and officials believe the contamination was introduced in rubble and other fillers used to level the land and raise it above the floodplain of the nearby River Isis.

Colin Ellmore, contract manager for Oxford City Homes, said: "We are carrying out further soil tests. It is likely that we will have to move the residents temporarily while we replace the soil in the front and back gardens. Depending on how much soil we have to take out, we could be looking at an operation costing up to £1 million."

Anne Eudell tends her garden in Bertie Place, Oxford

ROB HOWARTH

America's F117A Nighthawk stealth fighter arriving at RAF Mildenhall, Suffolk, headquarters of the US Third Air Force, for an air show today

Homes with sprinklers 'must use water meters'

By A Staff Reporter

THOUSANDS OF householders who use sprinklers or have swimming pools will be made to have water meters, South West Water announced yesterday.

But the arrangement will depend on such customers voluntarily registering with the company. Other conservation measures that it announced include fixed-rate pipe repairs to encourage customers to have leaking pipes mended and the opportunity for customers using meters to change to a non-meter tariff when they move house.

Bob Baty, the company's managing director, said: "This range of new measures will help to conserve more water supplies for the benefit of all our customers. They are additional to the many other steps that we are already taking to enable us to collect extra water for storage and conserve existing water stocks.

"In particular, we are getting increasing benefit from making better use of local rivers and by reducing at a faster rate the amount of water leaking from old water mains. Our continuing work to improve the amount of water available to customers following last year's exceptional summer is progressing very well."

Mr Baty said that no extension was necessary yet to hosepipe restrictions in parts of North Devon, but it was likely that they would have to be extended eventually.

Attacker tried to castrate gay vicar

By Paul Wilkinson

A MAN who tried to castrate a homosexual vicar with his bare hands after luring him to his home was jailed for life yesterday.

John Pennington, 23, told police that he picked up the vicar in a gay nightclub because he wanted to kill a homosexual. At his twelfth-floor flat in Salford, Pennington climbed into bed with his victim then attacked him.

The 50-year-old vicar, referred to in court as Mr X, staggered naked and bleeding down 200 stairs before collapsing. He spent three days in hospital after doctors stitched back his scrotum.

Pennington told police: "He tried to kiss me and I went crazy. I tried to castrate him. I hate queers — they should all be killed. It didn't matter whether it was this man or anyone else — any homo would have done."

Manchester Crown Court was told that Mr X had travelled a long distance from his parish in Scunthorpe to spend a night out with a male friend. Pennington, described by his counsel as having a "grossly disturbed personality", admitted wounding with intent after the prosecution accepted his not guilty plea to attempted murder.

Freed jackpot winner is back in the fast lane

By Lin Jenkins

LEE RYAN, the lottery jackpot winner whose spending spree was curtailed by an 18-month jail sentence, was free yesterday to enjoy the trappings of wealth.

Released from Stafford jail for five days over the Whitsun holiday, he joined his wife and children in the farmhouse he bought after handing back the keys to his council house. He celebrated his freedom by going for a drive in his red Ferrari Testarossa. He was spoilt for choice: in the garage were a Jaguar, Porsche, BMW, Mitsubishi Shogun and two Ducati motorbikes.

Ryan's taste for fast cars and expensive toys has outgrown the facilities at his house in Osbaston, Leicestershire. While he was in prison his wife Karen, 36, had a 50ft hangar built for the Jet Ranger helicopter. However, the couple have had to submit a further planning application as the building was originally listed as a stable and haystore.

Ryan won £6.5 million on the National Lottery in March last year when he was living on state benefits. In September he was convicted of handling stolen cars at Nottingham Crown Court and sentenced to 18 months. The jury was not told of his win. He and an accomplice took a Mercedes, Ford Transit van and a BMW to Malta to sell. The veheicles had false number plates and forged documents.

Ryan married the mother of his children Dennis, 14, Nadeyne, 11, and Niall, 6, shortly before the trial but has yet to arrange a honeymoon. He is due to complete his jail term next month.

Karl Crompton, 23, from Blackpool, is celebrating his £11 million win with eight male friends in Hawaii. He paid for the trip, travelling economy class, and has given them each £1,000 to spend.

The draw this weekend could see the 200th million-pound winning ticket. In the past 79 weeks 199 tickets have won £1 million or more as part of the jackpot prize. Camelot estimates that this week the jackpot payout will be about £10 million.

☐ Ryan lost an Appeal Court challenge yesterday against costs and compensation orders of £59,000 made against him after his trial. Mr Justice Nelson, announcing the court's decision, said it could well be said that Ryan's good fortune far outweighed those who suffered because of his dishonesty.

Crossword finalists go one up

By Robin Young

A RECORD number of minds will today make a concerted effort to solve a series of *Times* crosswords in the London regional final of the newspaper's annual competition.

In previous years the London final has been staged in two parts, but this year it is one event. In addition, for the first time there is a doubles title to be won, as well as the individual championship.

The result is the largest entry recorded in the 27 years of the competition. Six hundred competitors have qualified as individuals and another 100 pairs are entered for the doubles at the Royal Lancaster Hotel. Proceedings start at 2pm.

Each competitor will receive a complementary miniature from the competition's sponsors, Aberlour Single Highland Malt Whisky, in recognition of the record entry.

Roy Dean, from Bromley in southeast London, the officially recognised world record holder for completing a puzzle in the quickest time, will once again be among the competitors. To break his record, someone is going to have to do better than 3 minutes 45 seconds.

That it can be done was shown some years ago by Paul Henderson, one of *The Times*'s crossword compilers, who completed a puzzle while sitting in the audience in less than 2½ minutes. However, he was not under invigilation at the time and his record could not be ratified.

Only one entrant from every 60 taking part goes forward to the national final, to be staged in London on October 5. To win through, competitors will probably have to complete all their four puzzles in an average time of under 10 minutes.

There is one remaining regional final, which will take place in Birmingham on July 7.

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Carey warns the West against discounting risk of conflict with Islam

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE West has too readily discounted the possibility of conflict with Islam, the Archbishop of Canterbury said last night.

Dr George Carey said the role of religion in conflict and the part various faiths could play in helping to prevent and resolve it must be taken more seriously. Speaking in Los Angeles, he said it was essential for the West to develop a deeper understanding of the religions and philosophies of other civilisations if world peace was to be secured. Commenting on the suggestion that conflict between Islam and the West was likely, he said: "That thesis has been rigorously examined and, in my view, too quickly discounted in the West."

He was "saddened" to discover that when murder and violence was perpetrated by fundamentalists in the name of religion, "few leaders in such communities condemn the atrocities".

The proposition that conflict between Islam and the West was probable, a thesis advanced by Samuel Huntington of Harvard University, was dismissed by some as alarmist, while others argued that the worst conflicts were within and not between civilisations, the Archbishop said. Others thought a suggestion that the West's next confrontation would be with the Muslim world was "too politically incorrect" to merit discussion, he said.

But Dr Carey, condemning all extremism which ended in murder and violence, said he would "own up quite fairly" to the part religion had played in perpetrating cruelty, wars, violence, bloodshed and evil.

He said that unlike secular creeds such as Nazism and communism, which had led also to violent atrocities, religion was by no means dead. "Indeed it is awesomely present wherever we look in the world, not least those areas of the world where violence, terror and war continue to plague the human race. If we consider our own communities, we find lurking there some of the ingredients for potential religious conflict, misunderstanding and intolerance."

Dr Carey, addressing the Los Angeles World Affairs Council on a nine-day visit to Bermuda, Chicago and Los Angeles, condemned those who "hide behind religious faith to justify acts of terrorism". He said extremists, whether in Egypt, Israel or Northern Ireland, should not be allowed refuge in religious faith. "We must make it clear that true religion does not justify such behaviour," he said.

While Dr Carey, who meets British Muslim leaders at least once a year, does not believe a war between Islam and the West is imminent, his talks with Muslim leaders have alerted him to concern among Christians and Muslims about the difficulties they face in working together.

Dr Carey told the council: "Almost every week we are subjected to scenes of horror on television when unspeakable atrocities are done in the name of religion. There can be no justification from any religious tradition for such intolerance and fanaticism."

He urged all faiths to "transcend the negative and destructive features of religion and culture which have done so much damage to our world". While mainstream faiths had tolerance of differences written into their codes, "terrible things continue to be done in the name of religion, a fact which shames religion".

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SIMON HADLEY

Sarah Menzies putting the finishing touches to a cake commissioned to celebrate Norwich Cathedral's 900th anniversary today. The confection took 180 hours to make

Credo

A neglected story that should fill hearts with hope

Michael Banner

Why is it that Pentecost, compared with Christmas and Easter, really rather fails to capture the popular imagination — and perhaps even the imagination of church people too? A simple explanation might be that Pentecost lacks that sentimental tinge of childhood associations with presents and chocolate. But maybe there is something more to it than that. Is it that the drama of Christmas and Easter seems so much greater than the drama of Pentecost? At Christmas, the Church tells the story of God becoming man in Jesus Christ. At Easter it tells the story of Jesus rising from the grave. Now whether those to whom these stories are recounted believe or disbelieve, they can have no doubt that these are stories of epic deeds. But when at Pentecost the Church tells the story of its own birth is it telling a similarly epic story, or have we descended to the altogether more mundane?

Long before Pentecost, the prophet Ezekiel had a great and moving vision of a valley filled with bones. "These bones," Ezekiel is told, "are the whole house of Israel." And the bones were very dry, for Israel had long ago turned away from its God, and closed itself against that spirit, the spirit of God, by which it was constituted a living people. But then the prophet is questioned: "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" Can they, in other words, receive once again the spirit of God and so become a living people?

"O Lord God, thou knowest," says Ezekiel — for this possibility is not one which he can on his own account affirm. How could it be that a heap of sunbleached bones should live; how could it be, in other words, that Israel should be restored and redeemed, that it should be raised up from its grave of sin and alienation and disobedience?

Only God can make possible what is in human terms an impossibility, this God who can, as Jesus said, raise up children for Abraham from the very stones. Thus it is God alone who can command the prophet to do what might appear to be the vainest of things, to prophesy to a heap of bones, for only He can ensure that the word of the prophet will be heard by this lifeless debris. And so we are told: "The breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great host."

That which was seen in Ezekiel's vision was realised at Pentecost. For when the disciples, touched by the tongues as of flame, speak to the multitude, from a dark valley of human sin, a new and living people is raised up, living a life which is beyond the bounds of human possibilities.

Dry bones cannot, of themselves, stand upon their feet and live. A people turned away from God cannot, of themselves, become a living community, in which "all who believed were together and had all things in common". Only by the breath of God can this occur. And what occurs between God and mankind on the day of Pentecost is no less a miracle than those of Easter or Christmas. Christmas speaks of a life "conceived by the Holy Spirit", a life which is not, humanly speaking, a possibility. Easter speaks of life from the grave, of a resurrection which is not, humanly speaking, a possibility.

Pentecost speaks of both, of this new life, conceived by the Holy Spirit, as a very resurrection of the dry bones of Israel. But it is not just that on the day of Pentecost, God acted in a way that is properly to be likened to his actions on Christmas and Easter Day. It is rather that God's single act of redemption, begun in Bethlehem and proclaimed by the one who met the disciples from his tomb, at last bears its fruit among humankind.

Pentecost is the great dawning of what Christmas and Easter Day promised, the day on which those who are dead to God are conceived by the Holy Spirit and raised to a new and miraculous life. And this surely, in a world of dry bones, is a story not only to capture our imaginations, but more especially to fill our hearts with hope.

☐ *The Rev Michael Banner is Professor of Moral and Social Theology at King's College London*

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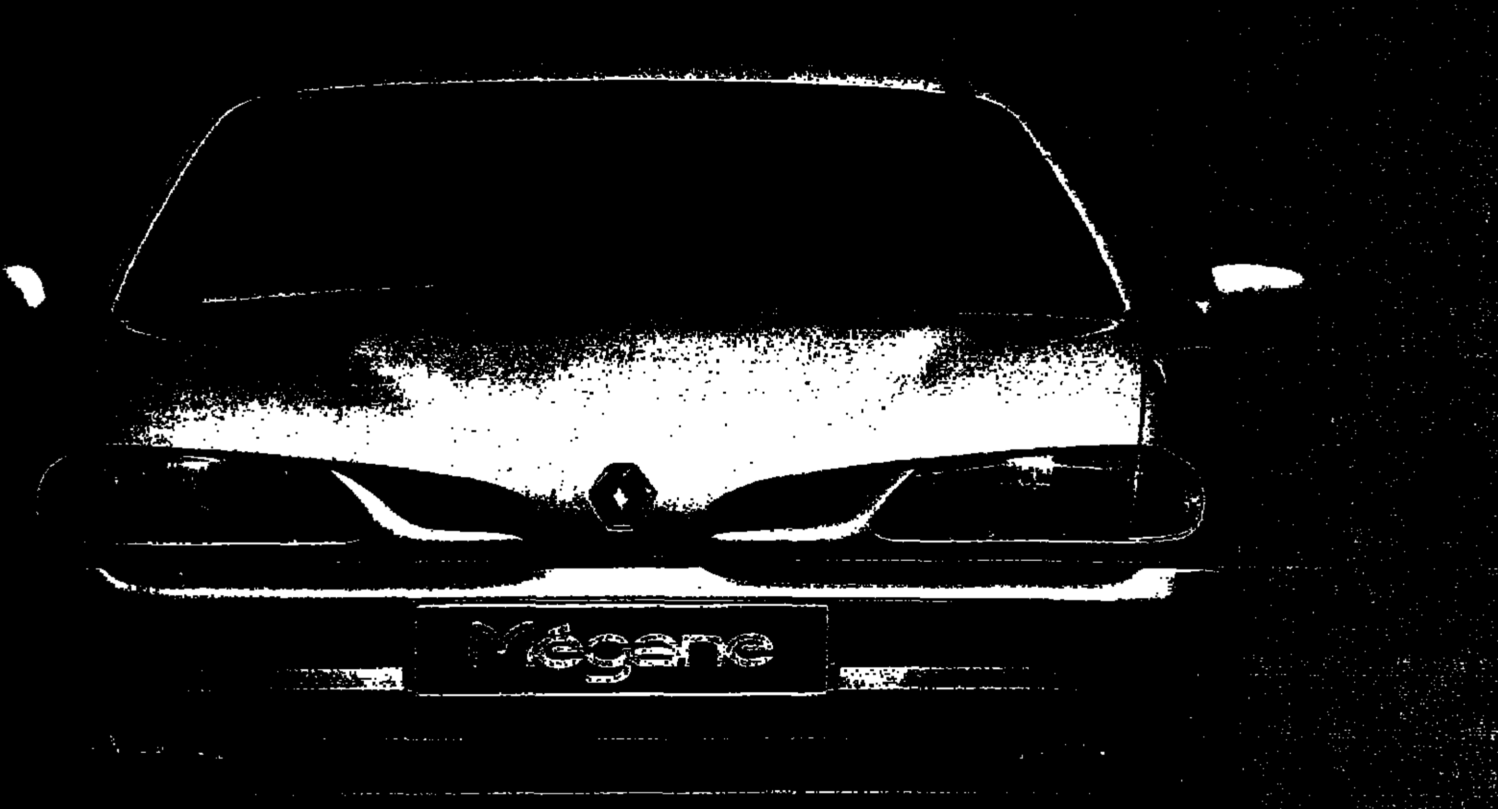

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Gunman obsessed by Hungerford shot 17 bystanders

By Paul Wilkinson

A MENTALLY ill man obsessed with the Hungerford massacre visited the Berkshire town before returning to his Tyneside home and shooting 17 people in 20 minutes, a court was told yesterday.

Robert Sartin killed one person and wounded 16 others, some seriously, on a Sunday morning in West Monkseaton. Eventually, an unarmed policeman persuaded him to surrender.

Sartin, who was a 23-year-old civil servant living with his parents in the town at the time of the attack in April 1989, has been detained in Ashworth high-security hospital in Liverpool ever since. In 1990 a jury decided that his schizophrenia was so severe he could not answer any charge.

Yesterday at Durham Crown Court a judge ordered Sartin to be detained indefinitely under the Mental Health Act. On the ground of insanity, he had formally denied murdering Kenneth Mackintosh, 41, a BT manager, and 16 counts of attempted murder. He was detained without any formal finding of guilt. Mr Justice Ian Kennedy told Sartin: "This tragedy came about because you were, and remain, a gravely ill man."

Marion Swan, a consultant psychiatrist who had been treating Sartin for three years before the shootings, said afterwards that he had been influenced by the *Hallowe'en* movies and had visited Hungerford, where Michael Ryan shot dead 16 people in 1987. Sartin was also obsessed by the occult and was hearing voices. "This was an extremely acute and severe case. He says it was a short period of absolute insanity. He has attempted to take his own life.

"Until then he had been at work, had a girlfriend and attended family social occasions. That morning he seemed the same as usual."

Sartin, dressed in black and with a bandolier of cartridges over his shoulder, had wandered through the streets with his father's 12-bore, shooting at anyone he saw. His first target was Judith Rhodes, shot through her car windscreen. In the next street he hit five more people, including Mr Mackintosh, who was returning home from church. David Robson, QC, for the prosecution, said: "Sartin discharged two barrels at him from 20 yards. Sartin walked up to where he lay and fired two more cartridges into him, killing him instantly."

He fired at two more people before shooting Brian Thoms. Mr Robson said: "Mr Thoms saw the gun and said to Sartin 'Don't be so stupid, son'. He fired two shots at him.

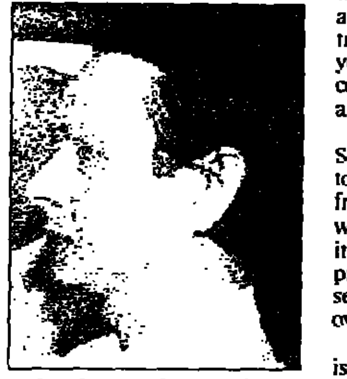
"Sartin continued to walk the streets and fired at other people, including three members of the same family, Peter Robert Burgon, his wife Jean and their daughter Nicola. His last victim was Jean Millar, shot as she worked in her garden. After this he went back to his car and drove away towards the seafront."

There he was confronted by PC Danny Herdman. The officer, now a sergeant in Berwick, has been given the Queen's Award for Gallantry.

Mr Robson told the court that the Crown had been advised regularly by psychiatrists over the past seven years. Only now was Sartin considered well enough to appear.

James Chadwin, QC, for Sartin, said he should return to hospital. He read a letter from Sartin apologising for what he had done and saying it had been "completely the product of a mental illness so severe that reality was taken over by insanity".

Afterwards, Sartin's parents issued a statement expressing sympathy to the Mackintosh family and the other victims.


Sartin: carried out his attack in 20 minutes

Noise of army fire carries to Dunblane gravesides

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

PARENTS bereaved by the Dunblane massacre have complained of hearing gunfire from a nearby army range when they visit their children's graves.

They want the Ministry of Defence to close Whiteston Range, which is a quarter of a mile from the town's cemetery, where several of Thomas Hamilton's victims are buried.

The Territorial Army, the police and civilian gun clubs use the firing range, and Hamilton practised there before shooting 28 pupils and three teachers at the primary school in March. Sixteen children and a teacher died.

Arthur Ironside, a councillor, said the bereaved families were shocked to find that gunshots could be heard at the cemetery. The MoD has so far refused requests to close the range permanently, but has agreed to shut it for the duration of the Cullen inquiry into the massacre, which starts on Wednesday. Stirling Rifle and Gun Club, of which Hamilton was a member, has not used the range since the killings.

An MoD spokeswoman said: "It's a very sensitive matter and the Army is aware of this. We did stop using the range in the immediate aftermath of Dunblane for about a month as a mark of respect but there have been two or three bookings since."

The inquiry, held in Stirling, is expected to last eight weeks. Lord Cullen has met the victims' families to try to ease their fears about evidence that will be given to the public hearings. He has assured them that there will be no need to call witness after witness to describe the harrowing scene inside the school. There will be no evidence from the children who survived.

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ROGER BAMBER

Pupils at Portsmouth High School reaping the benefits of tuition in music, which is proving to have more far-reaching advantages

Power of music extends across curriculum

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

MUSIC has the power to improve learning in reading and mathematics, American researchers have shown.

Martin Gardiner and colleagues from the Music School in Providence, Rhode Island, introduced children aged between five and seven to an arts programme that included music. A total of 96 children in eight classes were given the enhanced arts programme, while two other classes served as controls. Their work supports a Swiss study which showed that children taught extra music learnt languages more quickly, and were no worse at mathematics despite spending less time learning it.

The American team launched the study after reading a report that listening to Mozart can increase intelligence. Two years ago, a team from the University of California showed that college students exposed to Mozart's sonata for two pianos in D major performed better on standard psychological tests than those who had heard a ten-minute tape of instructions on how to relax, or ten minutes of silence. However, these improvements were temporary. To see if exposure to the arts could produce a more permanent change, the Rhode Island team compared the performance of the children in the arts programme with those given a normal curriculum.

They did so by measuring their improvements in reading and mathematics. They report in *Nature* that, although the children in the arts programmes lagged at the start of the project, by the end they had caught up in reading skills and were ahead in mathematics, where 77 per cent of those taught extra music and art were at the national average or above, against 55 per cent in the control classes. Classroom attitudes also showed a big improvement. "Learning arts skills forces mental 'stretching' useful to other areas of learning," the researchers conclude.

☐ Although music is compulsory in state schools up to the age of 14, only about one teenager in 15 goes on to take GCSE in the subject. Instrumental tuition has been declining throughout the state system, particularly since schools became responsible for their own budgets.

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Match-rigging row threatens Japan's sporting giants

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

FANS of sumo wrestling are scrutinising every move in the grand sumo tournament under way in Tokyo for signs of the unthinkable — that the fattest men in sport are rigging their bouts.

Allegations of match fixing have caused shock and dismay in Japan where the groaning giants are worshipped as national heroes.

Adding to the growing disquiet, a retired sumo champion died in mysterious circumstances last month after he was interviewed by a magazine investigating the scandal. Ohnaruto, who managed his own "stable" of wrestlers, revealed that wrestlers routinely fixed matches, agreeing to lose to a rival in exchange for cash. Since sumo matches are fought between two wrestlers they are easier to manipulate than a team sport.

"Sumo fans are watching matches in which the outcome has been arranged beforehand," Ohnaruto told the weekly magazine *Shukan Post*. His book published posthumously details other scandals including tax swindles and the close relationship between sumo executives and *yakuza* (gangsters).

Admitting that he too had sometimes taken money to lose bouts, Ohnaruto said he had decided to go public as "a matter of conscience because loyal and innocent fans in this country are being duped".

Some of the most popular figures in the sport, now battling in the Grand Summer tournament are involved in rigging, by Ohnaruto's account. So perhaps it is not surprising that halfway through the magazine series the whistleblower died, ostensibly of complications from pneumonia, though he had no previous history of the illness. Compounding the mystery, another prominent critic of fraud in sumo, Seichiro Hashimoto, died later the same day at the same hospital of the same lung infection. Both men were supplying the magazine with inside information about the seamy side of sumo.

Ohnaruto's book: gives details of "swindles"

The *Shukan Post* claimed that the Japan Sumo Association, the sport's ruling body, had used gangsters to try to suppress the embarrassing articles and implicitly linked the association to the deaths of the two men. This was too much for the guardians of the national sport who this week filed a lawsuit against the magazine publishers for libel.

The revelations could deal a serious blow to the sport, observers say, because they come from a respected source. "It's well known among reporters who cover sumo that these things go on," says the publisher of a sumo magazine. "But they know that if they write about the dirt they will lose all chances of getting the inside stories about wrestlers' marriages and love affairs that their papers really want."

The police have known for some time about match rigging which is a criminal offence, the magazine publishers said, but the bosses of sumo are virtually untouchable because of the huge wealth and power they wield.

The deaths of the two men who spoke out may have changed that.

The sumo master Ohnaruto who died after making allegations of fight fixing

Dutch hostages question army's gunbattle claim

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN JAKARTA AND MARK FULLER IN AMSTERDAM

THE two Dutch hostages plucked to safety by the Indonesian Army last week, after four months of captivity in Irian Jaya, said the Free Papua Movement kidnappers had planned to kill all the Indonesian prisoners. Two of the five Indonesians were murdered minutes before the soldiers rescued the other nine hostages, four Britons.

Looking tired but happy, Martha Klein, who is seven months pregnant, and Mark van der Wal, who returned to Amsterdam on Thursday, said their release had been unexpected. As troops closed in on them and the captors, "the cornered men decided to let go of the whites and kill the rest".

The two said that they planned to stay in The Netherlands until their baby is born in July. They said that they would then consider returning to Indonesia.

The couple fled to safety with the Cambridge University students — William Oates, Daniel Start and Annette van der Kolk. The fourth Briton, Anna McIvor, was left with the Indonesians. Two were slashed by the kidnappers with machetes and bled to death. The other three ran away and Miss McIvor hid in the jungle.

The two Dutch nationals questioned the Indonesian Army's claims that it had killed eight of the rebels in the 11-hour gunbattle that led to their release from "the inaccessible green prison" on May 15. They said they knew of no other casualties except for the "horrible murders of our friends Navy [Panekenan] and Tess [Yosias Lasaamahu]". That event had "heavily overshadowed the joy of freedom", they said.

Along with the Britons and 19 Indonesians, they were seized on January 8 while preparing to celebrate Mr Oates's birthday. The worst moments were at the start of the ordeal, they said. "The first few days we were threatened and intimidated by our captors. But later they treated us with respect."

The couple said communication with their captors had been "extremely difficult and frustrating" as the rebels spoke little Indonesian and had no reference point to relate with the outside world.

But Miss Klein and Mr Van der Wal praised the local Irianese for their help. "It was they who supplied us with food in any way they could and also gave us their sincere sympathies. In fact, we have been treated like guests by the majority of the indigenous people, or even as family members."

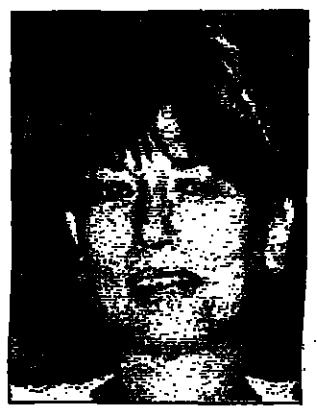
More details about the ordeal have emerged from Markus Warib, 36, hostage and university lecturer. He said: "We often marched all day and made camp in the forest. We usually stayed in each camp for two to three days and then moved on."

On May 8 the hostages were convinced they were going to be freed after all parties had agreed to the release. "By then the female hostages were wearing bark dresses and we had all lost our clothes. But then Kelly Kwalik [the rebel leader] said he would not release us until he had obtained freedom for West Papua.

"We were disappointed and everyone began to cry. Efforts that night to persuade Kelly to change his mind failed.

"During the next five days we were kept on the move from dawn until dusk and slept on the paths. It was not often a good path, obstructed by many large rocks, and was very slippery. If the army was around, we had to hide and stay very quiet.

"I began to notice the change of attitudes on the part of the kidnappers once we were being chased. Formerly they had been quite chummy, chatting with us and eating together. However, on the first night of the military chase they became wild and primitive."



Klein: intends to return to jungle after baby

Fun and games in Jakarta

Jakarta: The 1996 Highland Games season opens tomorrow at the most unlikely of venues — not amid the rolling hills of Scotland, but 7,500 miles away on a parched playing field in the Indonesian capital (A Correspondent writes). Six hundred competitors from all over the world will participate in what organisers claim to be the largest such gathering outside the Highlands. "Heavies" have been imported from Scotland to toss the caber, throw the hammer and putt the shot. Profits go to charity.

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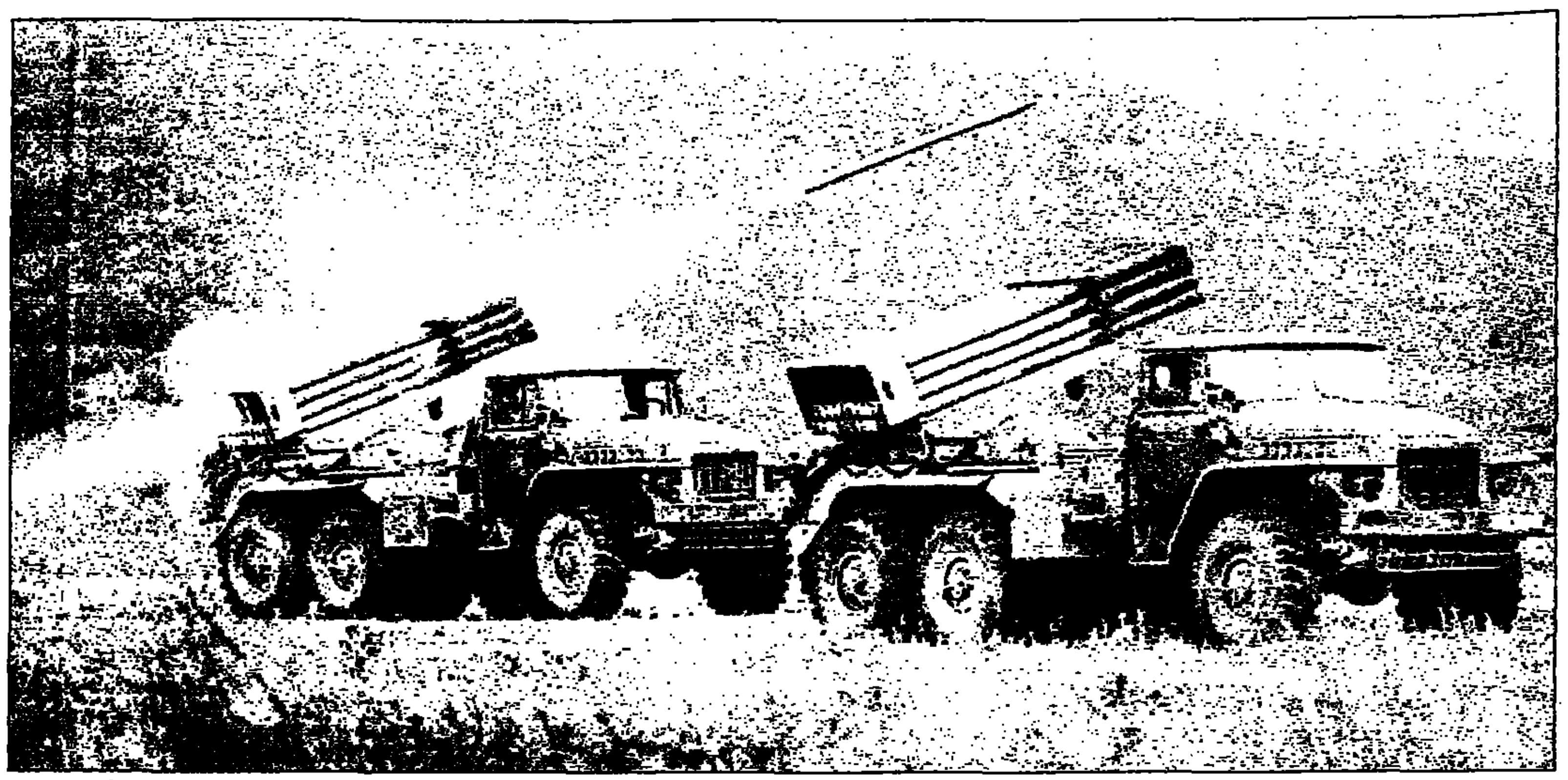
Outnumbered rebels and Russian troops ready for peace as conflict enters second summer

Chechen leaders give Yeltsin chance for election coup

*Among the tranquil beech woods in Alleroi, Chechenia, the separatists' new commander talks to **Thomas de Waal** about the onset of war weariness*



Russian Grad missile launchers shell Bamut in Chechenia on Thursday as both sides prepare for Monday's Kremlin peace negotiations

IT WAS an unlikely setting for a truly dramatic announcement, but after 17 months of war President Yeltsin was to hold the first face-to-face meeting with the leader of the Chechen separatist rebels.

Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen commander-in-chief who is also the strategic planner of the resistance movement, was in the middle of a beech wood in southeastern Chechenia. Sitting on a tree trunk in grey camouflage fatigues, he blended into the pastoral setting. Cuckoos sounded through the woods as he talked to *The Times* and three other European correspondents. Only a few mean-looking guards with Kalashnikovs marred the tranquillity.

Colonel Maskhadov, a former Soviet artillery officer, announced that Zelimkhan Yandartiyev, the new Chechen President, would meet Mr Yeltsin in the Kremlin on Monday. This is a meeting his predecessor, Dzhokhar Dudayev, sought for four years but never obtained.

The Chechen leadership gave the go-ahead for the talks after a two-day meeting near the ancient village of Vedeno, the mountain stronghold of Imam Shamil, the famous warrior of the Caucasian wars. "Of course we are afraid," Colonel Maskhadov said of a meeting that is politically risky for both sides. But he said the will for peace on both sides was very strong as the war entered its second summer. The issue of Chechenia's declaration of independence, which triggered the war, would be "left to one side" and the talks would focus on ending the fighting.

The reasons for war weariness are not hard to find. The tiny Chechen guerrilla army is still fighting on, but is vastly outnumbered and they know they cannot win a military victory. The Chechen leaders admit this more openly now that their first leader General Dudayev, who vowed to fight "to the last Chechen", is dead.

The Russians are also losing a war in which the Chechen partisans are everywhere and anywhere. They have suffered heavy losses in the past three months, fighting hard to capture positions only to withdraw and see them recaptured days later. The fighters are as mobile as ever. Driving for two hours right across eastern Chechenia, we did not encounter a single Russian checkpoint. "They are coming down from the hills and leaving," Colonel Maskhadov said of the Russian forces.

The Russians have also carried out soundings and confirmed that the new Chechen leadership is holding together and cannot be split apart. At the Vedeno meeting all the field commanders, including the legendary Shamil Basayev who led the bloody raid on the town of Budennovsk last year, endorsed the new peace plan. "We have a more united, more collective leadership now," said Rashid, a young commander. The only conditions the Chechens are insisting on are that President Yeltsin declares he had had no part in the death of General Dudayev on April 21 and promises not to stage any more assassination attempts on Chechen leaders.

In return, Colonel Maskhadov guarantees to put a freeze on plans for terrorist operations, such as the one at Budennovsk. "We are still not touching Russia's most painful spot by conducting another kind of war inside Russia," he said. "We are trying to restrain the people who are preparing this."

Here is the most curious part of the scheme, because by agreeing to talks the Chechen rebels are effectively endorsing President Yeltsin for re-election on June 16.

Colonel Maskhadov said his fighters had rebuffed ten attacks on the village of Bamut, which the Russians have tried to capture for more than 16 months. The former missile base no longer had any "strategic value", he said, but it was an "inspiration" to his fighters. Yet he was ready to withdraw from it at any time.

It was hard not to see that Colonel Maskhadov and his plan could have a decisive influence on Mr Yeltsin's chances of re-election. The grey-haired commander in the woods laughed at our last question. Could he give Bamut to President Yeltsin as a "present", to boost the peace process? "I can," he said.

Fighting 'stepped up'

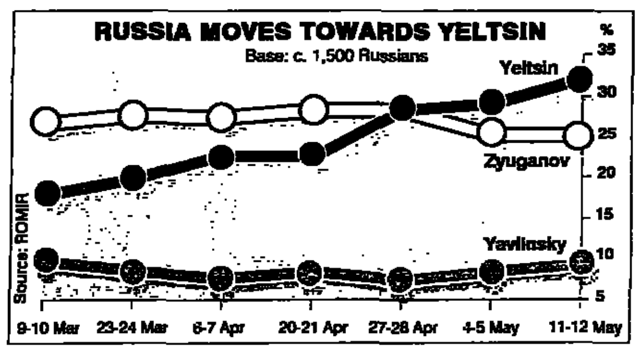
Moscow: Russian artillery was yesterday reported to be battering the Chechen stronghold of Bamut. Witnesses described the fighting as some of the worst in the region for weeks, with Chechen rebels holed up in a disused Soviet nuclear launch site.

However, General Mikhail Kolesnikov, Russia's Chief of Staff, claimed that troops had seized the village, which has been holding out against Russian forces for more than a year.

"This is the final major special operation in Chechenia," General Kolesnikov told parliament. "The enemy has understood the pointlessness of open conflict with federal forces." He said the rebel strategy had switched to terrorist action by small groups. *(Reuter)*

Pollsters see Zyuganov falling at second hurdle

By Robert Worcester



IN THREE weeks' time Russian history will be made, for a President will be elected in a free democratic election. As the poll heads towards its June 16 finale, at least for the first round, it would appear that President Yeltsin is headed for victory.

Tracking polls conducted by the respected Romir organisation, used by MORI and the United States Information Agency (USIA) among others, show that, after a faltering start with many "don't knows", sentiment is moving towards the sometimes ill, often erratic Mr Yeltsin.

The latest poll, concluded last week and released in Moscow on Monday, showed him moving into a seven-point lead over the Communist candidate, Gennadi Zyuganov, 51, whose manifesto pledges jobs for all, higher wages and pensions, compensation for those who have lost their savings due to inflation, enforced law and order, protection against imports and higher defence spending. These pledges notwithstanding, and with Mr Yeltsin's satisfaction rating at 16 per cent below John Major's, Mr Yeltsin is still pulling ahead and Mr Zyuganov seems to have peaked.

In all, there are 11 candidates including Mikhail Gorbachev, who obtained only one vote in a hundred in the poll. In third place was Grigori Yavlinsky, an economist and head of the liberal Yabloko party, with under 10 per cent. Since the start of the campaign, the "others" and the "don't knows" have fallen from about half to a third of the electorate, 85 per cent of whom say they will vote.

> ‘Russian sentiment is moving towards the sometimes ill, often erratic, Mr Yeltsin’

If one candidate does not receive a majority on June 16, the contest goes to a second round. Under those conditions, Mr Yeltsin now leads Mr Zyuganov by ten points.

A recent *New York Times* article, by Michael Specter, about the state of Russian polling raised eyebrows at last week's World Association of Public Opinion Research, meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. In it he quoted sceptics querying the accuracy of Russian polling, yet described them as both influential and popular. Yelena Bashkirova, director of Romir, was scathing about his article, pointing out that he had some of his facts wrong and had contradicted himself. Her paper at the conference pointed out the strong dependence on the traditions of the Russians, who have a lack of patience and a desire to see problems solved "immediately" and "completely".

She believes that the democratic achievements in recent years make a totalitarian restoration impossible, despite widespread dissatisfaction with the current economic conditions of the country.

There are many polling firms now operating in Russia. Another paper at the conference, by USIA's Richard Dobson, reported that, bad as the mood of the nation is, it has improved since last year when the war in Chechenia was entering its fifth month; at that time a USIA-sponsored poll found that more than three-quarters of Russians thought that things were going in the wrong direction. The war grinds on, but there has been an improvement, with now two-thirds saying things are going wrong.

According to him, the pollsters tended to underestimate the Communists' support: if this should happen on June 16, it would cause a closer first-round result and almost certainly a run-off.

Another respected firm, VCIOM, the Russian Centre for Public Opinion and Market Research, asked in its poll who the Russians thought would win. In February, Mr Yeltsin and Mr Zyuganov each received a fifth of the votes; in April, however, Mr Yeltsin received twice the vote of Mr Zyuganov. My guess, at this point, is that Mr Yeltsin will win, on the second round.

Professor Robert Worcester is chairman of MORI.

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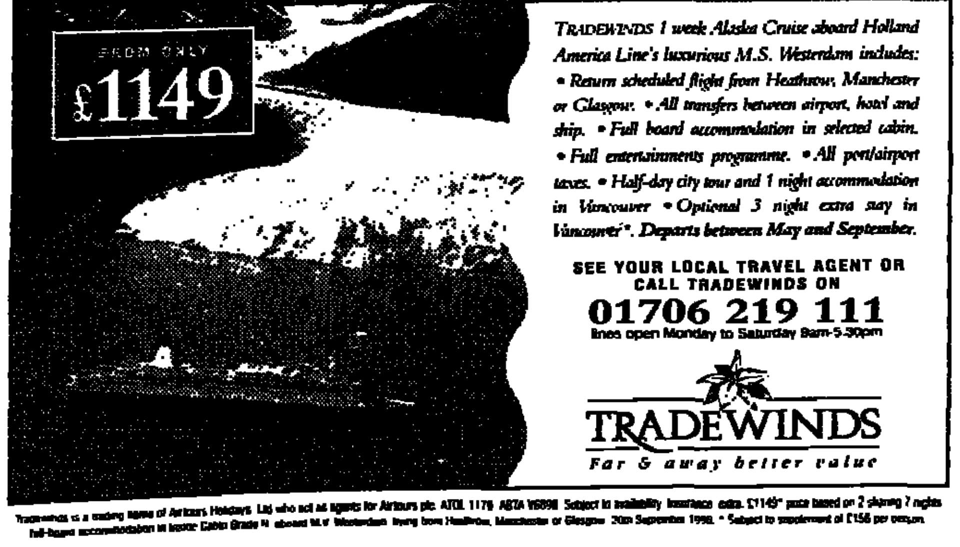

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Major pushes for war crimes trial of Serb chieftains

By Stacy Sullivan in Sarajevo and Michael Evans, defence correspondent

JOHN MAJOR visited Bosnia yesterday to gauge the success of the Dayton peace accord, which ended four years of war, and to bolster the morale of British troops serving as part of the Nato-led peace implementation force (Ifor).

His one-day trip, which included meetings with opposition Bosnian Serb leaders in Banja Luka, made him the first Western leader to visit the Bosnian Serb republic. In Sarajevo, he met President Izetbegovic of Bosnia.

But Mr Major did not travel to Pale, the "capital" of the hardline Bosnian Serb Government, and reaffirmed his support that Bosnian Serb leaders such as Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic, both indicted for war crimes, should be handed over to the United Nations tribunal in The Hague. "*I wouldn't be* content for them to just fade away," he said, referring to criticism that the West was willing to accept that they just step down from power.

The visit to Banja Luka, where British troops recently moved their headquarters, coincided with an attempt by international mediators to create an urban power base in the Serb republic and isolate the Bosnian Serb leadership. They hoped that Mr Major's meetings with local politicians, including the moderate Rajko Kasagic, who was removed from power by Dr Karadzic last week, would propel them to take a stand against the hardline leadership.

Speaking to troops at the British base in Sipovo, the Prime Minister said he believed no other nation had made as great a contribution to peace in Bosnia as Britain. "On every occasion I have been here, I have been struck *by the sheer scale of the* contribution you have made here," he said. Mr Major was cheered by dozens of local residents as he took an impromptu walk through the town, and trailed by an enthusiastic crowd of children.

He concluded his visit by meeting President Izetbegovic in Sarajevo, where he reaffirmed his support for the territorial integrity of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Earlier Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said in a radio interview that indicted war criminals in the former Yugoslavia will not be allowed to escape justice. He said: "These war criminals must be brought to justice and they will be. The international community will not forget about these people. They will never have another quiet day in their lives because one day there will be a knock at the door."

Speaking on BBC Radio's *Today* programme, he said: "*There* will *never* be a full peace in Bosnia until people who have committed atrocities are brought to justice."

John Major meets British troops at their new headquarters in Banja Luka in Bosnian Serb territory yesterday

Hamas is urged to rein in bombers

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

ISLAMIC suicide bombers were under growing Palestinian pressure yesterday to halt their campaign before Wednesday's Israeli election, thus boosting the chances of Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister. The Labour candidate is only just ahead of Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing Likud leader, in the opinion polls.

The poll, which could decide the future of the Middle East peace process, has provoked a split within Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement; leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip oppose more bombing, while their counterparts in Muslim countries abroad are calling for continued attacks.

Israel will be deploying an unprecedented force of 20,000 soldiers and police to try to prevent the kind of attack against a Jewish target that most independent political analysts are convinced could reverse Mr Peres's slender lead.

Labour's hopes were boosted by reports last night from an unnamed Hamas official that the jailed spiritual leader

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of the organisation, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, had told visitors on Wednesday that he would urge supporters to suspend attacks against Israel before the elections. However, only a few months ago pledges of a ceasefire from Hamas members were followed by four suicide-bomb attacks in which more than 60 people were killed.

Last Saturday, Ibrahim Ghoseh, the Hamas spokesman in Jordan, added to the confusion by stating that the *group's real position* was to call for more attacks against Israel.

Hamas activists in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, the main recruiting ground for suicide bombers, estimate that up to 80 per cent of supporters favour a temporary suspension of armed attacks, at least until after the election has been held.

☐ **Holiday riots:** Ultra-Orthodox Jews returning from prayers for the Jewish Shavuot holiday at Jerusalem's Wailing Wall rioted in Arab areas of the city yesterday, smashing cars and overturning grocery stalls. *(AP)*

Lollipop lady held over drugs

From Quentin Letts in New York

A PRIMARY school lollipop lady has been arrested and charged with selling heroin which was packaged to look like sweets.

Amariles Martinez had 20 bags of heroin under her uniform when she was arrested by undercover police. Moments earlier she had been helping six-year-olds to cross a busy road in Brooklyn, New York.

Ms Martinez, who has been charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance within 1,000ft of a school, shouted "I wasn't selling to kids", as she was led away. The heroin was wrapped in brightly coloured paper made *to look like the packaging for* a popular children's chew called Now and Later.

An undercover detective on routine surveillance duty said he saw Ms Martinez approached by a suspicious-looking man who gave her a parcel. Astonished, the detective wandered up to Ms Martinez and, pretending to be an addict, asked if she knew where he could get drugs. She directed him to a local pizza parlour where a dealer was later arrested.

Sgt George O'Brien of the local anti-narcotics squad said: "It's a good feeling to get these guys."

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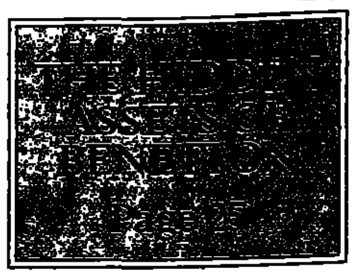

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Wise man Minford to advise 'pyramid scam'

By Robert Miller

PATRICK MINFORD, one of Britain's most respected economists and a member of the Treasury's inner circle of six "wise men", has been retained to advise on the reorganisation of an international money-making scheme described in Parliament as "an iniquitous pyramid selling scam".

Professor Minford yesterday confirmed that the Titan Business Club and its associate companies in the UK had retained his services on a consultancy basis to advise on the reorganisation of the scheme, which originates in Germany. This week, in the High Court, the Department of Trade and Industry began moves to close the operation down.

Professor Minford said: "I'm basically doing some consultancy work in return for a fee to help to advise on the restructuring of Titan prior to a flotation on the Nasdaq stock market in the US." The new company will be known as Titan Incorporated.

Senior DTI officials last night expressed serious reservations about the Titan operation. They are concerned that the inflow of money might slow to a trickle or stop altogether as members, who are recruited at packed meetings around the country often attended by more than 1,000 people, sign up. In that event, DTI sources say that people could lose not just their own money but that they may also have persuaded friends and relatives to sign up as well.

Until this week, the Titan Business Club charged a joining fee of £2,500 which is refunded once the member signs up a further four people. Under Titan Inc rules, the joining fee will be raised to £3,000.

Charles Buckley, the lawyer acting for Titan, said: "The money will go in commission to recruiters and to management and to the research and development facility. This will be ring-fenced by an international committee of blue chip members who will vet and award grants to applicants for new inventions. The new company will sell its own shares and people will be able to trade them on Nasdaq."

Mr Buckley, who has retained the services of four leading QCs to fight the DTI case against Titan, due to be heard on June 10, said that in spite of the adverse publicity surrounding the scheme, about 9,000 people had attended meetings this week. He added that since last October up to 8,000 people had signed up, bringing the money raised to about £20 million.

In the High Court, Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, said this week that he was not yet satisfied that the Titan scheme should be classified illegal as the DTI has requested but that "public interest might require it to be stopped ... the people who are being invited to participate are all adults and are at liberty to make foolish or wise use of their money."

In a Parliamentary debate last month, David Rendel, Liberal Democrat MP for Newbury, raised concerns about the Titan scheme calling it "an iniquitous pyramid selling scam". He said yesterday: "I am very concerned that the public fully understands the Titan operation so that they know what they are doing before they let themselves in for considerable expense which they may not be able to recover."

HSBC attacked over bonuses

By Oliver August

AN INCENTIVE scheme that could earn directors of HSBC Holdings, parent company of Midland Bank, a total of up to £16 million has come under fire from institutional investors.

Pensions and Investment Research Consultants (PIRC) claims that the HSBC scheme is the most excessive it has so far encountered, and is urging investors to vote it down at the company's annual meeting next week. PIRC contends the scheme is particularly contentious for "rewarding mediocre performance".

Anne Simpson, a PIRC director, said: "We are looking for incentive schemes which align the interests of shareholders and directors, rather than a 'jackpot payout' for perfectly routine and unexceptional performance."

Directors will receive their bonuses if real earnings per share grow by only 2 two per cent above inflation. PIRC calculated that, on current salaries, £10 million could be awarded to the six directors.

If fringe benefits are taken into account, the sum could be even higher. "If total remuneration is taken as the base, then £16 million could be paid out in total share awards under this and other existing schemes," Ms Simpson said.

Under the terms of the scheme, HSBC's remuneration committee has complete discretion over the award of shares up to a maximum level.

HSBC yesterday strongly rejected PIRC's criticism. Douglas Flint, group finance director, said: "Their calculations are absolutely absurd. They have taken the maximum amount possible for every variable. But it is not our intention to take the maximum. We are a group founded on strong Scottish principle.

"In the report, the remuneration is also set out for sustained performance over four years, not just on an annual basis. The highest paid director is receiving something in the order of £700,000," he said. "We are just miles away from what they set out. The awards will be no more than half of what we got under the old share options scheme."

Mr Flint added: "This scheme won't commence for another year. Between now and then the remuneration committee has discretion to change the scheme again."

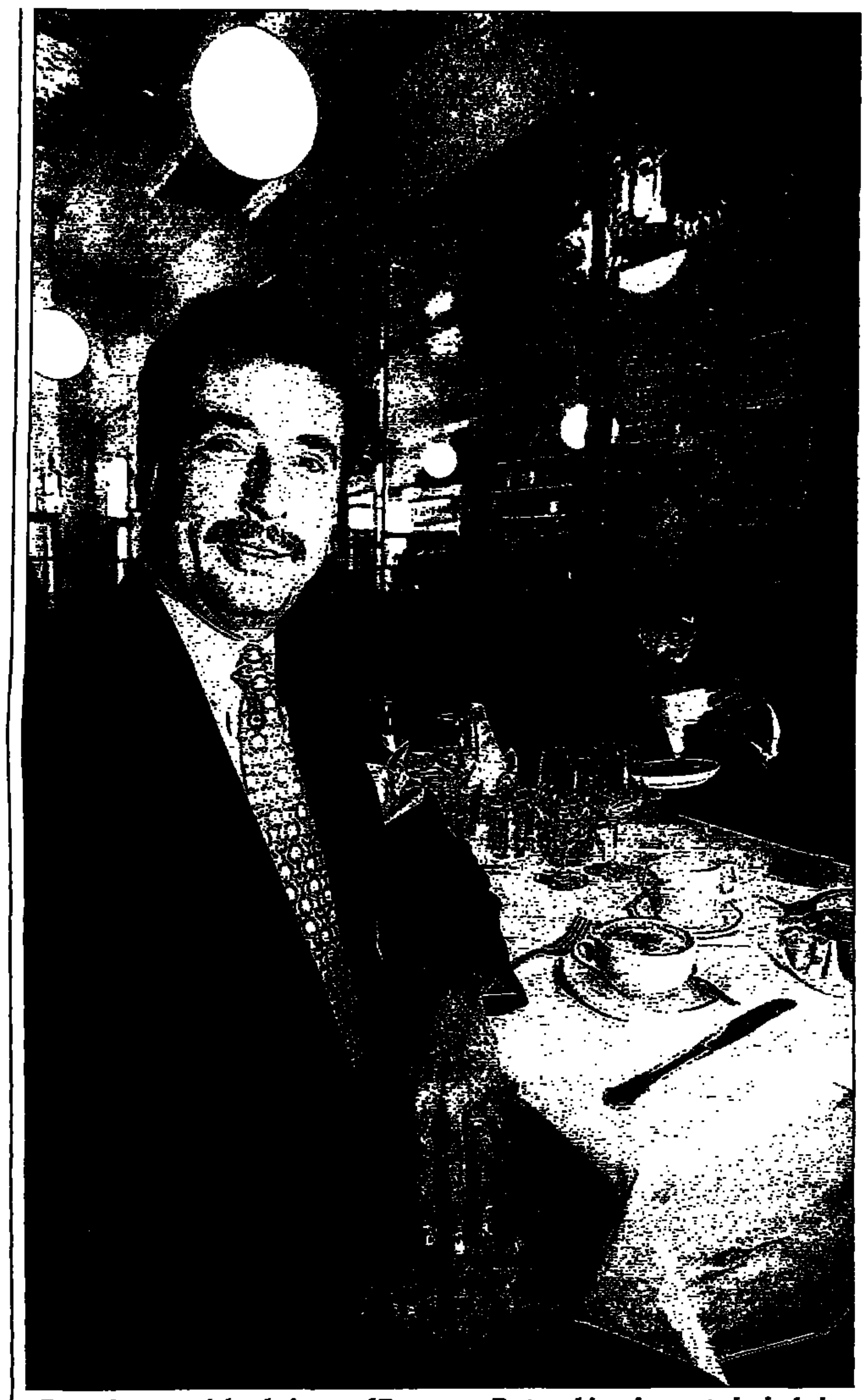
PIRC has written to key shareholders in HSBC urging them to reject the remuneration package at the annual meeting next Friday. The main shareholders are Standard Life, Legal & General and the Prudential.

The Prudential was itself a target of PIRC criticism over directors' pay last week. One of the main opponents of the Prudential's remuneration for directors was Standard Life.

PIRC's action reflects increased investor militancy on aspects of corporate governance, particularly pay. PIRC has in recent weeks launched campaigns against Shell, Inchcape and the Prudential.

At least 21 of the top 350 companies have put new incentive schemes to the vote in 1996. According to PIRC, the highest award was a bonus of 125 per cent of directors' pay, compared to 400 per cent calculated for HSBC.

With this backdrop, HSBC can expect a controversial AGM. It is no stranger to these. At the AGM last year of Midland Bank, a subsidiary, a tank arrived to protest against arms sales in which the company was allegedly involved.



Roy Ackerman, right, chairman of Restaurant Partnership, whose eateries include Gay Hussar and L'Etoile in London, has recruited, Paul Breach, left, the former president of the Europe and African division of Seagram, as chief executive.

Hollinger seeks UK listing

By Eric Reguly

CONRAD BLACK'S Telegraph group, which will disappear from the London Stock Exchange this summer, is to stage a return in another guise.

Hollinger International, the American company that will own all of The Telegraph after its minority shareholders are bought out for £273 million, is seeking a listing on the London exchange and should start trading by the autumn.

Dan Colson, chief executive of The Telegraph, publisher of *The Daily Telegraph* and its Sunday sister, said yesterday: "A London listing will help provide a broad and diverse shareholder base for our group, and there are a lot of UK investors who were disappointed when we announced The Telegraph would be privatised."

Hollinger International, based in Chicago, is paying 570p a share for the 36 per cent of The Telegraph that it does not already own. The move comes a year after the failure of the first attempt to buy the minority shares at 470p apiece. A year earlier, Mr Black lost some of his support in the City when he reduced the cover price of *The Daily Telegraph*, a move which caused Telegraph shares to plummet to 350p, shortly after selling 12.5 million Telegraph shares to institutions at 587p.

Hollinger International, listed on the New York Stock Exchange, has become the main investment vehicle for Mr Black. Hollinger International is owned 66 per cent by Hollinger Inc of Toronto, which controls Mr Black's collection of Canadian newspapers.

Mr Colson said that The Telegraph group probably will sell its 25 per cent stake in John Fairfax of Austrialia, owner of *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, Melbourne, unless the new Government in Canberra eases media ownership to the point that The Telegraph can take control. "We have 25 per cent of the profits and 100 per cent of the aggravation," he said.

British Coal splits CINMan

By Sarah Cunningham

BRITISH COAL has decided to split CINMan, its pensions assets management company, and sell it in two parts after a year of failing to find a buyer for the whole company.

Talks with "a very small number of parties" interested in buying the marketable securities division, which handles £15.6 billion worth of assets, are to start soon, British Coal says. It does not expect a sale for several months, however.

Companies interested in buying the property division, which has assets of about £1.4 billion, have been invited to apply to HSBC Samuel Montagu, which is handling the sale for British Coal.

Problems have dogged the sale of CINMan. Talks with Friends Provident about a sale of the whole of it for some £75 million fell apart in January. The deal was opposed within CINMan and there was hostility from trustees of its two pension schemes, operated on behalf of 550,000 mineworkers and British Coal *white-collar workers. Since* then, offers have been nearer £25 million, City sources said.

There is still some doubt in the City that buyers can be found who will satisfy the funds' managers, their trustees and the Government.

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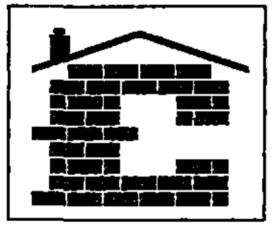

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FT-SE 100	3752.1	(+5.1)
Yield	4.02%	
FT-SE A All share	1885.87	(+0.63)
Nikkei	21798.43	(+74.35)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5770.98	(+8.86)*
S&P Composite	679.12	(+3.12)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 1/8%*	(5 3/16%)
Long Bond	89 5/8*	(89 1/16)
Yield	6.84%*	(6.87%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 7/16%	(6 9/16%)
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New York:		
$	1.5118*	(1.5125)
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$	1.5129	(1.5126)
DM	2.3310	(2.3301)
FFr	7.8913	(7.8894)
SFr	1.9136	(1.9112)
Yen	162.89	(161.51)
£ Index	84.9	(84.8)

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London:		
DM	1.5436*	(1.5426)
FFr	5.2210*	(5.2235)
SFr	1.2670*	(1.2655)
Yen	107.88*	(106.94)
$ Index	97.2	(97.2)

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Our bet's on Blair, says bank

By Robert Miller

TONY BLAIR'S new Labour Party has received a welcome boost from a leading City banking house in its annual investment trust review, regarded by many as the private investor's bible.

The 1996 Investment Trust Year Book, published by Credit Lyonnais Laing (CLL), yesterday said it would base its investment outlook on "the political certainty of a Labour Government".

The endorsement could lead to other fund managers admitting publicly what they have said in private for many months now. CLL said: "We are as certain as we can be that the Labour Party will form the next UK Government." It added: "The decision to pin our colours to the mast in such a high-profile fashion has not been taken lightly."

The investment trust movement, which now boasts some 340 trusts and looks after £56 billion of assets, has traditionally been the preserve of the more knowledgeable private investor. Peter Walls, an analyst with CLL and a co-author of the annual, said: "Investment trust investors are generally discerning and tend to be conservative with a small 'c' as well as a large 'c'."

Ernest Fenton, director-general of the Association of Investment Trust Companies, said: "The average age of the typical investor is 50-plus and they are typically conservative in their investment and general outlook."

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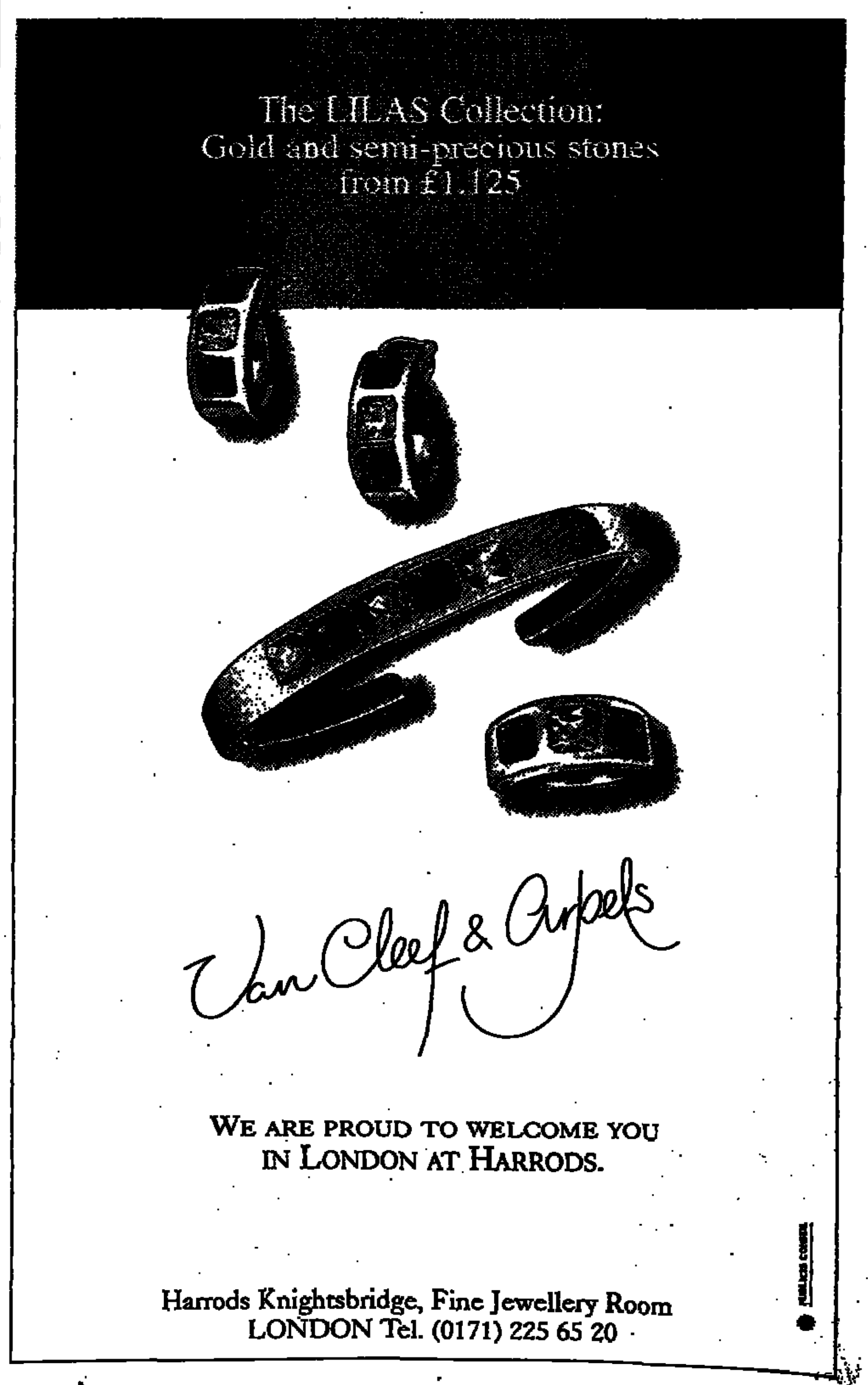

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Why open competition is better than regulation

EXECUTIVE VOICE

John Bridgeman

In an ideal world, the benefits of competitive and fair trading will be appreciated as much by *business as by the consumer, but* experience suggests that this particular contract is not always easily understood.

Where is the shareholder benefit in not using hard-won monopoly power to exclude rivals? And is it *realistic to ask financial institutions* to give "best advice" to borrowers if, *in doing so, they fail to sell the latest* innovative and most profitable financial product?

After 30 years in business and a much shorter time as Director-General of Fair Trading I believe the benefits to be gained from a marketplace which is open in the fullest sense are clear and unequivocal. *An open market is one in which* consumers are given choice of many *products and services and the* information to make that choice. It *is also a market where business* competes vigorously to provide *what the consumer wants, which* newcomers can readily enter and *where the conflicting forces of* supply and demand determine both the immediate market price and the future revenue stream.

Competition ensures that managers have continually to seek new ways of making their business more efficient, of reducing their cost base and of being more innovative in satisfying the needs of their customers. Without a low cost base, it is *difficult to compete on price;* without investment in innovation it is *difficult to compete with variety. It is* vigorous competition which fuels the need to outperform business rivals. To quote Professor Michael Porter, a strongly competitive home market is the key to durable international success. He cites the five forces of competition as: rivalry among existing firms, the threat of *new entrants, the bargaining power* of both suppliers and customers and *the threat of competition from* substitute products or services.

Unfortunately, large dominant firms are too often inefficient, leth*argic and tempted to behave anti*competitively rather than win *market share by virtue of superior* efficiency and effectiveness. Everyone involved in the "contract" is then a loser; the company maintains *its inefficiency, potential rivals find* the marketplace is closed to them and the consumer is robbed of choice and the chance to secure best value for money. Sometimes regulators have to step in to ensure that competition does work effectively.

But competition is not always sufficient. Consumers need to be *adequately protected not only* against the abuse of market power for monopoly, but also against unfair or misleading selling techniques. Consumer protection and competition policy are integrally linked.

In the 12 months to September 1995, more than 806,000 complaints from consumers were notified to trading standards departments *throughout the country. This represents* only the tip of the iceberg but *gives some indication of the scale of* the problem. How many of these *complaints, I wonder, were settled* to the consumer's satisfaction?

This is where my consumer protection functions come in. I have the power to curb the behaviour of rogue traders, issue licences to those wishing to deal in consumer credit and seek court orders to stop companies from using unfair terms in consumer contracts. But *strengthening the hand of consumers* does not mean that I am opposed *to the legitimate interests of business.* Nor, I hope, would business *see it that way. I support competitive* businesses as much as I support demanding, well-informed consumers. Consumer power should be seen as a force for the proper functioning of the marketplace. *Ensuring that the consumer* is well informed about products and services is a *fundamental principle in* fair trading.

The proper operation of consumer credit, for instance, demands the exercise of responsibility by both the borrower and the lender acting within the framework of a part of *our law which is the envy of much of* the rest of the world. My predecessors have on various occasions in the past seen fit to remind lenders of their particular responsibilities. No one in the business of lending needs me to tell them that when credit goes wrong it is expensive for the lender. Lenders must inevitably pass on their costs to their customers or cease trading. So lenders have a very strong interest in making sound lending decisions.

But lenders do not always adopt the minimising of bad debt as an *overriding priority in the marketing of a product, and businesses* which create the possibility of bad debt surely carry some responsibility *for* helping borrowers who get into difficulties. This is not only through acceptance of the need for rescheduling of repayments, but also through promoting and paying for more active support systems.

If the handling of complaints *can* tell us a lot about the quality of service provided by a particular business, the rigour with which adherence to a voluntary code of *practice is monitored* by an industry can tell us a lot about the quality of *that industry as a whole.*

I am absolutely in favour of vigorous competition as an *alternative* to regulation, but I am also in favour of self-regulation as an alternative to statutory regulation. Industry self-regulation reduces the administrative burden on firms and public expenditure. Codes of practice can provide benefits to consumers, but there are normally two *main problems:* persuading all firms to participate and ensuring that the *system* is adequately policed. The latter problem is probably the most serious *shortcoming in the* draft of a new Code of Lending Practice produced by the Council of *Mortgage Lenders.* The building societies' attempts to promulgate best practice *in the marketing* of mortgages is to be applauded, but without knowing what the sanctions will be against any member failing to observe the code, it must raise some reservations.

I am also puzzled at why the draft code proposes *that certain* charges payable by borrowers will not necessarily be disclosed *voluntarily* by lenders. And why will the details of a customers' complaints scheme *only be* available on request?

The Council will, I hope, produce an exemplary Code of Lending Practice. In the meantime, it seems to me that *only when business in the* UK comes to a full understanding of all the benefits from a more open, vigorous and competitive marketplace will we be able to question *the* need for external regulation.

☐ *John Bridgeman is Director-General of Fair Trading.*

Pace set to float with £250m tag

By Fraser Nelson

PACE Micro Technology, a producer of satellite and cable receivers, is expected to be capitalised at about £250 million when its shares begin trading on the stock market next month. The company's pathfinder prospectus, published yesterday, forecasts profits of £18.1 million before tax for *the year to May 31, against* £3.36 million in the *previous year.*

Pace currently produces *half of all UK satellite receivers,* 50 per cent of which are sold under its own name. The company, set up in 1982, moved into the satellite receiver market in 1987. In 1990, it produced VideoCrypt, a smartcard pay system designed for BSkyB. International orders from The *News Corporation, parent* company of *The Times*, now make up *27* per cent of sales.

David Hood and Barry Rubery, joint chief executives, said that the flotation should raise at least £20 million, which would be put towards developing its digital terrestial receivers. Share dealings are to begin on June 20. The share pla*cing is sponsored by BZW.*

Lucas close to unveiling terms of Varity deal

By Sarah Cunningham

LUCAS INDUSTRIES and Varity Corporation are close to *concluding a £3 billion merger* which would create one of the world's largest brake manufacturers.

Lucas said yesterday that talks between the two companies were going well and that a deal could be announced early next month.

But an announcement of merger terms could yet flush out a hostile counterbid for Lucas, long considered vulner*able to takeover. Those considered* possible suitors include TI Group, BTR, and General Motors of the US.

Lucas and Varity are understood to have agreed to combine Kelsey-Hayes, Varity's braking subsidiary, with Lucas's brakes business. The other divisions, including Lucas's aerospace and Varity's diesel businesses, would continue to be run as now. Lucas *has made it clear that,* contrary to speculation, it does not *wish to sell its aerospace* division.

Lucas shares closed down 2p at 235p, having risen this week on speculation that a deal was about to be announced.

A merger would bring together Kelsey-Hayes's ABS expertise and Lucas's strength in foundation brakes, meaning they could offer car manufacturers complete capability. It would also offer Lucas access to the US market for *brakes and Kelsey-Hayes* access to Europe.

The two companies were inspired to start talking after Robert Bosch, the ABS specialist, paid £1.1 billion for Allied-Signal's Bendix foundation brakes business earlier this year.

The board of Lucas met to discuss the outline of an agreement yesterday and talks with Varity are expected *to continue next week. If a* merger proceeds, Victor Rice, the *head of Varity, is likely to* become chief executive. George Simpson, Lucas's current chief executive, is to move to GEC this autumn where he will succeed Lord Weinstock. Sir Brian Pearse, chairman of Lucas, would chair the merged company.

City analysts expect a share split, giving Lucas up to 65 per cent of the new company, but warned that this might not go down well with Varity's US shareholders who could be tempted by a cash offer by another company.

Sources close to Lucas said that such an offer is unlikely *because its shares are now* relatively expensive. However, *Zafar Khan, of SGST, pointed* out that a potential predator *would want to move before a* merger with Varity made Lucas too big: "We see a strong possibility a merger deal might flush out another party," Mr Khan said.

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Denmark Kr	9.58	8.78
Finland Mkk	7.75	7.10
France Fr	8.31	7.68
Germany Dm	2.49	2.28
Greece Dr	384.00	359.00
Hong Kong $	12.38	11.36
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.3400	4.6900
Italy Lira	2470.00	2315.00
Japan Yen	178.20	160.20
Malta	0.590	0.535
Netherlds Gld	2.762	2.532
New Zealand $	2.38	2.14
Norway Kr	10.54	9.74
Portugal Esc	250.50	232.00
S Africa Rd	7.17	6.37
Spain Pta	201.50	188.50
Sweden Kr	10.98	10.18
Switzerland Fr	2.05	1.87
Turkey Lira	122140	114140
USA $	1.612	1.482

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Ralph Findlay, finance director of Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries, left, and David Thompson, managing director, reported interim pre-tax profits little changed at £18.1 *million, against* £17.9 *million.* The dividend rises to 6p from 5.4p. Tempus, Page 26

Investing declines as stock levels rise

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

STOCK levels in British companies continued to rise in the first quarter of this year while *investment* fell, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Stocks increased by £706 *million, after a rise of* £1.04 billion in the final quarter of last year. Economists had expected that firms would have started running down stock levels after building them up involuntarily last year because of weak demand. However, firms still seem to be struggling to off-load their inventories, which bodes ill for growth this year.

Nevertheless, manufactur*ers built up stocks by far less* than late last year, suggesting *that demand may be* improving. Retailers increased their stocks at a greater rate, but this may be a voluntary phenomenon reflecting improving consumer demand. The NTC Research company yesterday reported that, in April, its forward indicator of consumer activity reached its highest level since July 1994.

First-quarter manufacturing investment fell 2 per cent from *the previous quarter and was* only 1 per cent up on a year ago.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

US assesses Lloyd's for mail fraud

A FEDERAL investigation has been launched in America into whether Lloyd's of London committed mail fraud when it solicited Americans to become names. Having the US Government dig into fraud allegations already investigated by securities regulators in a dozen states could cause legal complications for Lloyd's as it tries to negotiate settlements of lawsuits and get on with restructuring.

The US Postal Inspection Service has sent questionnaires to some of the 3,000 US investors. Detailed questions touch on *the pivotal issue of whether Lloyd's misled* investors about the risks of joining the insurance market. One question asks: "Do *you feel that misrepresentations were made to you in* connection with your decisions to participate in Lloyd's?" A spokeswoman for the *Postal Inspector's office said that the* inquiry had been begun after complaints from names were forwarded by the US Justice Department's office in New York. Lloyd's said that it is aware of the questionnaire.

UK firms eye Swedbus

STAGECOACH and FirstBus, the two leading British bus operators, *are understood to be among seven groups interested* in bidding for Swedbus, the Swedish bus operator being sold *by Sweden's state railways. The two UK companies would not* comment, but are understood to have signed letters of intent for *the Swedish privatisation, forecast to carry a price tag of about* Kr1 billion (£97 million). Swedbus, one of Scandinavia's *leading bus operators, made a profit, after financial items, of* Kr111 million in 1995, on turnover of Kr3.5 *billion.*

Govan yard wins order

A £50 million order announced by Kvaerner Govan shipyard in Glasgow will preserve the jobs of the 1,300-strong workforce until summer 1997. It also offers extra temporary jobs, said the *company, part of Kvaerner, the Norwegian industrial group.* The contract is with J O Tankers, of Norway, which owns the *world's fourth-largest fleet of chemical tankers, for a 36,800*-tonne, environmentally friendly chemical carrier. The vessel *will be a sister ship to the Clyde yard's J O Selje, named by the* Queen in October 1993. Delivery is scheduled for spring 1998.

GET falls but pays out

SHARES in GET, the electrical supplies group that floated on the stock market in February 1995 at 125p, fell 25p to 62p yesterday after the company disclosed a 63 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £532,000 for the six months to February 29. Operating profit was down 58 per cent to £733,000. Earnings dropped 72 per cent to 2.16p *a share. There is a maiden* interim dividend of 0.5p a share. The company said that it *was seeking to shift its dependency on* cable and flex *sales,* which shrunk by 15 per cent.

Graham issues alert

GRAHAM GROUP, the builders' merchant, yesterday warned shareholders that first-half profits will be signficantly *lower than last year.* Graham had been on course for current-year profits of between £22 million and £25 million, but analysts have cut estimates to about £15 million. Speaking at Graham's annual meeting, Ian Mills, chief executive, blamed problems in the housing market as demand for items from heating products through to bricks remains flat. Shares in Graham, which has 195 branches, fell 14p, to 165p.

Insurers fail to make full disclosures

MANY of the UK's biggest life insurance companies are refusing to reveal the charges and performance of their policies, in spite of the introduction of rules 18 months ago that made this a mandatory requirement *(Caroline Merrell writes).*

A survey published this week by *Money Marketing*, the trade magazine, questioned a total of 54 companies about their with-profits life insurance and personal pension policies — only 37 provided full details.

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BAT shares rise after smokers lose in court

By Alasdair Murray

SHARES of BAT, the tobacco and insurance group, rose yesterday after a US federal appeals court dismissed a class action lawsuit which could have resulted *in millions* of smokers suing the tobacco *companies.*

The court ruled that smok*ers could sue the tobaccco* companies individually, but could not bring a class-action suit that would set a precedent for universal damages.

BAT shares yesterday rose 19p to 521p after the ruling, which eases the company's liability worries. Brown and Williamson, BAT's subsidiary, is the second-largest tobacco company in America. The ruling also sent tobacco *shares soaring in the US. Anti*-smoking campaigners in the *US said they would continue* their campaign. Lawyers are *preparing to launch similar* class action cases at state level.

The latest case involved three New Orleans smokers who claimed that the addictive qualities of cigarettes had prevented them from giving up smoking. Lawyers had *hoped to set a precedent to* enable millions of other smokers to claim damages running into billions of dollars.

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: STEVE THOMAS

Host stays in tune for a night to remember

Sarah Bagnall checks out the bright lights with the executive behind the flotation of a group of discos, theme bars and restaurants

IN A typical week, Steve Thomas might dance a night or two away at a discotheque, visit a police station and make a court appearance. But Thomas, 43, is no hardened lout who ends a drunken night out with a good fight that leaves him behind bars nursing a bloody nose.

Thomas's trips are all part of a day's work in his capacity as chief executive of Luminar, the newly floated discotheque, theme bar and restaurant group.

Thomas, a Welshman, set up Luminar in 1988 with two fellow directors and a capital base of £23,000. From a single discotheque in King's Lynn, the group has grown into a business with a £21 million turnover, operating 18 discos and 14 Chicago Rock Cafés, of which the latter offer customers the chance to eat, drink and dance the night away under the same roof.

The formats have proved successful in pulling the punters in, and on Tuesday Luminar's shares made their debut on the London stock market. Within minutes, the shares raced ahead of the placing price of 200p and ended the week at 266p, valuing the company at £39.9 million.

Thomas has the hallmarks of a nightclub owner. He is larger than life, with the build of a rugby player and a laugh that comes easily and often. His conversation is punctuated with jokes and wisecracks that prompt him to laugh almost as much as the listener.

Thomas and discotheques go back more than 24 years, but before he succumbed to the allure of bright lights and pop music, he underwent training as a car mechanic. "At 15, I did an apprenticeship as a car mechanic. You know what it is like when you start. You are at school and your parents say 'you must get a trade' so you toe the line until you have something to fall back on, and then you go and do what you want to do," he says.

Thomas enjoyed clubbing and so it was that he downed his monkey wrench and entered the world of entertainment. "The trouble with being a car mechanic is that you get your hands dirty and I didn't like that. I enjoyed going to clubs and I thought this is really what I want to do. That was seven stone ago," he says breaking into a broad grin and laughing uproariously.

Then, as he lights up a cigarette, he reflects on the past and quips: "The only thing I pull now is my ligaments." Then he quickly adds: "That was a joke. My wife won't like that." Thomas and his wife, Vynette, married when he was 21. They have two children, Stevie, 10, and Olivia, 5.

His first leisure job was at the age of 17, when he joined the Rank Organisation and worked in a Top Rank Suite, the big old discotheques of that time. He did various jobs, including stints as doorman and cloakroom attendant, which have mistakenly led to people thinking Thomas started off as a bouncer.

"I've never been a bouncer or a DJ, but when we were at Ranks we had to do lots of different jobs as part of our training," he explains.

He left seven years later to run his own show. "I was approached by someone who offered me loads and loads of money to open this nightclub in Cambridge. I left and then we opened a second one in Luton," he recalls.

The clubs were called Ronelle, a name that Thomas confesses has strange origins. He chuckles loudly as he explains: "The reason why we called them Ronelles is that when we did our market research we decided we were looking for John Lewis customers. Their trade mark is Jonelle and my partner's name was Ron so we called the discos Ronelle."

Three years later Thomas and Ron sold out to Grosvenor Leisure, which in turn sold the business to Whitbread. "I was sold with the business. I was part of the fixtures and fittings," he says. Then, in 1987, he and two colleagues upped sticks and formed Luminar.

Thomas gives the impression of someone who works as hard as he plays. He needs little sleep, which is just as well given he rarely gets a full night's rest.

> ❛ When I say I'm in court, people assume I've done wrong ❜

He is in the office by 8 o'clock most mornings having travelled the 20-minute journey from his home in Bedfordshire to the group's headquarters in Luton. He then works through his post after which he goes through a mass of figures, including attendance and pence per head, from the night before. These are punched into a computer so Thomas can immediately see how each venue is trading compared with last week, last month or last year.

Then follows a string of meetings dealing with various issues such as trading, operations and property.

About three or four times a week, Thomas's day is rounded off with a trip to a Chicago Rock Café or disco. Some nights he makes it home by 10.30, and others not until after 2 o'clock the next morning.

It is the time that he spends in the discos and the Chicagos that Thomas relishes. "It's a wonderful experience to see a room full of a thousand people, some of whom are starting relationships and some finishing relationships. The atmosphere is wonderful. I get a really big kick out of seeing people enjoying themselves," he says.

"You walk into a place and everyone is singing 'hi-ho silver lining' or whatever, and you think 'wow, we have created this'. We have created this because we have brought the right people together to enjoy themselves. A lot of people go for volume just to get people in, but if they aren't enjoying themselves, they won't come back. We actually say 'no' to people just to get the right people in."

DENZIL McNEELANCE

About three or four times a week, Steve Thomas rounds off his day in a Chicago Rock Café or disco and may not get home until 2am. He starts at 8am

Chicagos, the first one of which was opened in 1990, caters for 22 to 40-year-olds, is open until 1am, and only plays music up to 1986. "That way you get older customers in and, also, you can't really dance to garage music anyway, can you?" says Thomas.

The discos target a much younger audience of 18 to 24-year-olds and stay open to 2am.

Obtaining the right premises and the appropriate planning approvals and late opening and liquor licences takes up a large chunk of Thomas's time. He was in London last week because of the company's flotation, so he took the opportunity to nip along to the police station in Clapham, south London. This is because Luminar wants to open a Chicago in the area and would like the support of the local licensing officer.

"It was a meeting ahead of the licensing hearing to find out whether the licensing officer has any concerns about the company or where the premises is. We have the opportunity to talk to him and try to convince him that we are right and that his observations, if he has any, have no foundation," he explains.

Thomas will be back in London for the licensing hearing in the local magistrates' court in Clapham next Wednesday. His regular trips to court are a good show stopper, he says. "When I say I'm in court tomorrow, everybody assumes I've done something wrong."

Before applying for the necessary go-aheads, Thomas and his team will study an area in some detail. In the case of Clapham, it was a foregone conclusion that there were plenty of potential customers in the area. The key, however, was deciding whether the hordes would be clientele of a Chicagos or would march briskly past the door to frequent a rival night spot.

And as far as Thomas is concerned, you can only garner the necessary facts by visiting the area at night. "You know the population is there, but you have to know how people behave on a Friday and Saturday night. So you go there yourself and then you see that these are the sort of punters I want in my place and that our offering is right."

Given that much of Thomas's life is spent surrounded by other people and in the presence of music, he seeks out time to be alone. "I go and sit on my own. It's rather sad really," he says, not thinking that it was for a minute. A favourite place of his for his required injection of solitude is the car. "I've never tuned my radio in. It's wonderful. The silence is great because wherever I go there is so much sound."

HIDDEN ASSETS

Woolly ideals provide more than quality raw materials

The Benettons find owning sheep has brought insight, writes **Sarah Bagnall**

Say the word Benetton and immediately one conjures up images of woollen jerseys and crisp cotton shirts, controversial advertising campaigns and Formula One racing.

What is unlikely to spring to mind, however, is the fact that the Benetton family, owners of the quoted Italian clothing manufacturer, is the largest sheep breeder in the world.

With about 850,000 hectares of land and ranches in Argentina and more than a quarter of a million sheep, the Benettons have extended their tendons all the way from raw material to retail.

But the Benetton group's need for wool far outstrips the supply produced from its own sources. Each year the flocks produce about a million kilograms of wool — enough to supply a tenth of the raw material needs of Benetton's 7,000 retail outlets in 120 countries.

The flocks serve another important role, however. The Benettons, who acquired their first Argentinian ranch in 1989 through Edizione Holding, their finance company, spend a significant amount of time and effort researching colour, design and quality of wool.

A spokeswoman for Benetton said the first ranch was acquired in order to obtain a closer understanding of the principal raw material. "They have been involved in every other aspect of the production cycle and so wanted to have a hand in this side of the process," she said.

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The Benettons have more than a quarter of a million sheep

Benetton owns half a dozen ranches in Patagonia, totalling 837,000 hectares and spread across four provinces from Neuquen in the north to Santa Cruz in the south. The ranches, the bulk of which were purchased for $47.5 million in 1991, hold 280,000 Merino sheep, 9,000 head of cattle, including Hereford bulls, and 1,000 horses.

In a drive to improve the quality of wool, the group has invested $5 million in the past five years in a range of processes, including artificial insemination. Genetic breeding of the sheep has improved the breed and as a result has upgraded the quality of the wool. "The breeds are now of the quality they used to be at the turn of the century when the English ran the farms," said the spokeswoman. The group is planning to invest a further $10 million over the next four years.

The company also owns 13,000 hectares in the Belgarce region in the province of Buenos Aires, 80 kilometres from Mar del Plata. As well as a herd of about 11,000 head of cattle — including pedigree stock such as Hereford bulls and Aberdeen Angus — wheat, maize and other agricultural produce are grown on the holding. These crops are sold on the Argentinian market.

The group expanded its empire further last week with the purchase of another Patagonian ranch, comprising 165,000 hectares and holding 45,000 Ovines Merino crossbreeds.

A major advantage of the group's involvement in sheep breeding is the knowledge it brings to its wool-buying processes. Each year Benetton uses 5,000 tonnes of carded wool, that is combed wool, a demand that makes it the world's biggest consumer.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

US court ruling lights up BAT in lacklustre trading

BAT Industries rose 19p on news of the US ruling

WALL STREET may be getting ready to celebrate the Dow Jones centenary, but investors on the London stock market were again finding it difficult to get in the party mood.

The equity market overcame political worries and a *rare overnight* setback for Wall Street, after its recent run, to end a difficult week on a steady note. But there was no disguising the apathy felt by many investors.

The FT-SE 100 index managed to summon the strength to claw back an earlier 14-point deficit, helped by an opening rise in New York.

It ended a lacklustre session 5.1 points up at 3,752.1, a loss on the week of 37.5 points. Trading conditions proved thin, with turnover falling to *the lowest level of the week* as just 604 million shares changed hands.

The one bright spot among the top 100 companies was ***BAT Industries*, *which*** touched 537p before ending the session 19p dearer at 521p on the back of the US court decision overnight to throw *out* a class ruling brought against the tobacco companies.

The Castano case has hung like a cloud over the industry, with individuals and various states claiming compensation running into billions of dollars. They allege that the tobacco companies withheld information about the harmful effects of smoking.

Yorkshire Electricity ended the session on a firm note with a rise of 15p at 733p amid vague talk that Scottish Power may be lining up a bid.

The story has been dismissed in some quarters, with brokers pointing out that Scottish Power already owns Manweb. Even so, **Scottish**, 4p off at 336p, is believed to have been locked away in talks with Barings, its adviser.

British Biotech, which has experienced volatility of late, dropped 185p to £27.90, having briefly touched £38 earlier this week. Merrill Lynch unsettled the market by suggesting that an American company was developing a cancer treatment to rival Marimastat.

Cortecs International rose 22p to 373p after announcing plans to raise £20 million in Japan via a placing of shares.

Brokers gave a cool reception to half-year figures from **Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries**, with the price tumbling 31½p to 652p. They wasted little time in downgrading their estimates for the *full year after pre-tax profits rose marginally to* £18.2 million. UBS, the broker, has cut its forecast by £2 million to £42.5 million.

Frost Group, the petrol *retailer, regained some of its* composure with a 5p rally to 124p. On Thursday the shares were hit by the news that Asda was planning to sell petrol at the price it paid suppliers. But as brokers pointed out, the price charged by Asda is still dearer than some of its rivals. **Asda** slipped a further 1p to 117½p.

Allders, the department store chain, marked time at 206p despite receiving indications from Swissair that it is prepared to offer £145 million for its duty-free airport shops. Allders has already received a firm offer of £130 million from BAA Group, which operates Gatwick and Heathrow airports.

Allders is keen to recommend the BAA offer to shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting in June after signing a binding contract on Friday. BAA was unchanged at 498p.

Graham Group, the builders' merchant, fell 15p to 164p after issuing a profits warning. Last year it warned that conditions had deteriorated and were likely to fall short of the corresponding period.

Conditions in April and May saw both volumes and margins in the group coming under pressure.

Price increases have failed to be maintained and profits in the first half are now expected to be significantly lower than those achieved in the first half of 1995.

The news from Graham also pulled the rug from several of its rivals.

Travis Perkins fell 6p to 425p, **Meyer International** 3p to 430p, and **Harrison & Crosfield** 1p to 143p. **Wolseley**, which has extensive overseas interests, also eased 1p to 457p.

Lucas Industries retreated 2p to 235p. Talks with Varity Corporation, the US automotive parts group, are continuing, but the group said an announcement is unlikely until next month.

A spokesman for Lucas said the talks are "proceeding well". City speculators are banking on a merger between the two companies which would create a major player valued at about £3 billion.

One of the biggest moves of the day was seen in **Dawson Holdings** as the price soared *350p to* £16.50. Dawson is taking control of the rest of Surridge Dawson Holdings, the newspaper distributor, by acquiring its other main shareholder.

Dawson and PWJ Surridge own 50 per cent of Surridge Dawson Holdings, which controls 85 per cent of Surridge Dawson Ltd., its only operating subsidiary.

Dawson is paying £15.4 million for PWJ and £5.3 million to 3i for the remaining 15 per cent. Last year Dawson hoisted pre-tax profits from £12.7 million to £14.4 million.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The market managed to close off the bottom after a lacklustre performance that lacked any real direction from US treasury bonds.

Investors proved reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of the bank holdiay weekend and Wednesday's £3 billion auction of Treasury 8 per cent 2021.

Despite this, turnover in the futures pit proved encouraging, with a total of 41,000 contracts completed in the June series of the long gilt, which closed a couple of ticks easier at £106¹¹⁄₃₂. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was down ³⁄₁₆ at £97⅛, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 lost ³⁄₃₂ to £102⁷⁄₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street opened with a rush, up almost 27 points, only to fade during the morning. The Dow Jones industrial average was 8.86 points higher by midday at 5,770.98.

Tesco shrugged off early weakness to finish 5p better at 298p on turnover of almost 12 million shares. NatWest Securities has raised its profit forecast encouraged by improved sales growth. Its estimate for the current year has been increased by £24 million to £721 million and for 1997 by £36 million to £820 million.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
Railtrack	216p	+26p	Solid demand on public debut
APV	70p	-19½p	Profits warning
British Biotech	*£27.90*	*-85p*	*Profit taking after touching £38*
Park Food Group	103p	+14p	Bid approach
FII Group	273p	-197p	Profit warning
Kingfisher	614p	+31p	Trading update
Jarvis	90p	+26p	Shares requoted after acquisition
Crabtree Group	252p	-26	Profit warning
BAT Industries	521p	+17p	US court rejects tobacco action

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5770.98 (+8.86)
S&P Composite	679.12 (+3.12)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	21798.43 (+74.35)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	11019.16 (-11.68)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	564.28 (+0.48)
Sydney:	
AO	2254.20 (-2.9)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2542.24 (-18.22)
Singapore:	
Straits	2351.06 (+15.14)
Brussels:	
General	9450.38 (-15.57)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2117.65 (+3.20)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	789.60 (+4.60)
London:	
FT 30	2785.5 (-1.5)
FT 100	3752.1 (+5.1)
FT-SE Mid 250	4490.0 (-11.4)
FT-SE-A 350	1900.0 (+0.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1688.85 (-1.93)
FT A All-Share	1885.87 (+0.63)
FT Non Financials	2007.33 (+0.58)
FT Fixed Interest	111.91 (-0.18)
FT Govt Secs	92.36 (+0.01)
Bargains	31523
SEAQ Volume	604.4m
USM (Datastrm)	220.81 (-0.89)
US$	1.5127 (-0.0005)
German Mark	2.3321 (+0.0010)
Exchange Index	84.9 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2187
£:SDR	1.0488
RPI	152.6 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.0 Apr (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIM Trust	101	...
Aberforth Sml	102	...
Atlantis Japan Gth	687½	+ 1½
Biocompatibles Uts	140	+ 7
CA Coutts (105)	118	...
Emtech	81	+ 23
Epic Multimedia	90	- 15
Gartmore Select Jap	92	...
Hercules Prop Svcs	65	+ 5
INVESCO Eng Intl C	101	...
Just Group	5	+ ½
La Senza (150)	155	...
Luminar (200)	266	+ 8
Maiden Group	278	+ 3
Mulberry Group	188	+ 3
Premiere Group	133	- 5
Railtrack (190)	216	- 2
Reflec	85	+ 7
Schroder Venture	194	...
Stentor (72)	93	...
Taiwan Inv Tst C	96	...
Thomas Potts	*14*	*+ 2*
Tom Hoskins	53	...
Vanguard Medica	620	- 3

RIGHTS ISSUES

Chelsfield n/p (220)	35	+ 1½
Ibstock n/p (55)	8½	...
Porter Chad n/p (34)	6	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Filtronic Com	365p (+37p)
Alexon	142p (+12p)
Forward Gp	970p (-70p)
Streamline Hldgs	213p (+14p)
Castings	195p (+12p)
Cortecs	373p (+22p)
Carpetright	595p (-12p)
Cobham	639p (+10p)
S & U	440p (+10p)
BAT	521p (+19p)
Chiroscience	470p (+12p)
FALLS:	
Fenchurch Gp	119p (-10p)
Celltech	618p (-30p)
Wagon Ind	393p (-10p)
Danka Bs Sys	793p (-20p)
GUS	665p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Pressure at the pumps

ASDA made a song and dance this week about declaring its petrol station forecourts "profit-free zones" from today until further notice. This may have surprised members of *the public ever alert to bargains on the high* street but comes as no surprise to the City which has regarded the petrol business industry as a profit-free zone for some time.

Both Sainsbury and Shell expressed a lack *of surprise, too. Shell ventured to suggest that* "it is quite normal to be selling at cost price at the moment". According to Enerfinance, the Paris-based oil consultant, UK petrol retail margins fell to 1.15 pence per litre last month, by *far the lowest* in Europe. The good news for consumers and the bad news for the oil giants is that May is likely to have seen what are politely referred to as "negative margins".

Negative margins have appeared likely ever since January when Esso, *the* UK arm of the American Exxon group, scrapped its token giveaways and launched a price watch campaign to match any supermarket discount prices. Attempts by supermarkets over the Easter weekend to break this *hold soon fizzled* out.

A parliamentary select committee will sit on June 28 to hear evidence from leading oil *companies* and the Office of Fair Trading. But it is difficult to see what, apart from intervention, would halt the price war.

The oil majors have hit on a little luck, however. The price of the crude oil from *which petrol is distilled* has looked weak since the start of the week when Iraq oil was allowed back on to international markets in a deal brokered by the United Nations to allow Iraq to pay for food.

Wolverhampton and Dudley

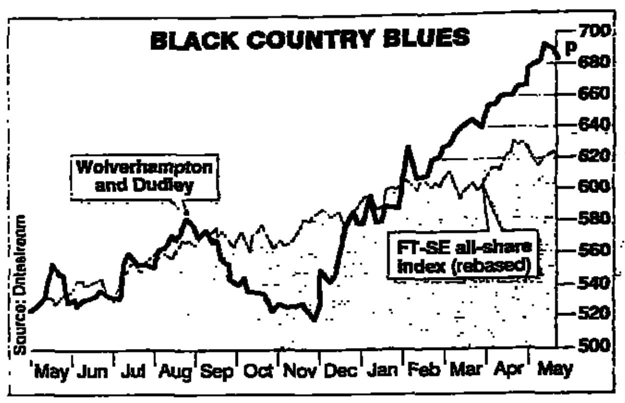
WOLVERHAMPTON and Dudley is that increasingly rare species — a regional brewer. It has been under *threat ever since government* reforms and the general decline in sales prompted the big players to consolidate.

But Wolves can still put up a strong case for remaining independent. It retains its market leadership in its Midlands base with Banks beer commanding about 16 per cent of the market. The company has an understanding of the locality that the nationals lack.

The company is also proud of its ability to control costs and says there is room for more savings. Wolves holds only about 3 per cent of the national beer market but it does not require huge expansion programmes to see an improvement in margins and profit.

But it was *the company's* margins which failed to impress the City yesterday. Wolves sells just about the country's cheapest pint and *has found price increases* difficult to push through in recent years. The company has just pushed through a 4p increase on a pint of beer in its pubs and is aiming to force through increases on *its on-trade and* wholesale trade in the next few weeks.

Unless Wolves can guarantee that the increases will stick this time, the company, *which is sitting* on a forward price earings rating of almost 16 times, can be regarded as no more than a hold.



Man Utd

MANCHESTER United fans who are also shareholders in the quoted football club can look forward to reaping financial rewards after the recent success of winning the Premier League and FA Cup double.

The club's feat in becoming the first team to do the double twice will help keep the money rolling in. Manchester officials are looking forward to an increase in season ticket sales based not only on fresh success but also on a rise in capacity at the Old Trafford stadium to 55,000 from 44,000 thanks to completion of the new North Stand which also brings in an extra 50,000 sq feet of executive space.

Season ticket sales stood at 30,000 in the season just ended and the target for the new season is understood to be around 40,000. The new six-year deal with Umbro, the sports goods group, to supply kit will also bring in extra money. Fans will be able to see the team in the European Champions League which netted £3.5 million two seasons ago for Manchester despite being eliminated at an early stage of the competition.

A decent run in the competition could bring in an extra £10 million-£15 million. Manchester United is, however, guaranteed revenue from three home games, prize money from UEFA for gaining entry to the competition, as well as extra television and sponsorship income.

But in the past year, gate revenues were outstripped by sales of merchandise bearing the value-enhancing Manchester United name. In the past full year, merchandising brought in £23 million. Increased popularity of the club by winning the FA Cup-Premier League double can only increase this figure.

The bad news for fan-shareholders is that the stockmarket has already seen the success coming. At 333p the shares yield a measly 1.69 per cent and stand on a price earnings multiple of 14.2. This season's success and next season's potential would appear to be already in the price.

Brokers to Manchester United, however, have raised their forecasts for profits to the end of July 1997 from £16 million to £19.2 million before tax putting earnings up from 19.2p a share to 23.0p. Forecasts for the year just coming to an end remain unchanged, *however*, at around £12 million. This divides down into earnings per share of 14.4p.

Intriguingly, analysts at Merrill Lynch, who are corporate brokers to Manchester United, have produced a valuation for the club of 431p a share or £262 million using earnings multiples more commonly associated with media stocks and retailers rather than leisure stocks. What a big business football is becoming.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	1090-1080	Jul	1070-1068
Jul	1118-1117	Sep	1079-1076
Sep	1138-1137	Dec	1090-1089
Dec	1063-1062	Mar	1108-1098
Mar	1048-1047		
May	1060-1059		Volume: 3113

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1893-1885	Jan	1745-1736
Jul	1795-1790	Mar	1710-1705
Sep	1778-1776	May	1700-1680
Nov	1765-1763		Volume: 5627

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	329.4-28.5
Spot: 394.0		May	327.7-26.5
Aug	376.3-76.0	Aug	326.7-25.0
Oct	345.0-44.1	Oct	313.7-11.5
Dec	333.5-32.6		Volume: 660

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	122.99	158.01	96.82
(+/-)	-2.00	+17.97	-2.68
Eng/Wales:	123.01	157.99	97.91
(+/-)	-2.09	+18.03	-1.18
(%)	+1.0	+12.0	-18.0
Scotland:	119.96	158.62	94.15
(+/-)	+10.54	-16.72	-6.29
(%)	-29.0	-7.0	-22.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.75	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jul)	19.10	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.40	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	21.30	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.30	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	210 (n/c)	212 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	177 (-1)	181 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (n/c)	89 (n/c)
Naphtha	195 (+10)	199 (+12)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	168.75-69.00	Sep	163.75-64.00
Jul	164.75-65.00	Oct	163.75-64.00
Aug	163.50-63.75		Vol: 4809

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	19.09-19.10	Oct	17.62 BID
Aug	18.39-18.41	Nov	17.38-17.42
Sep	17.92-17.96		Vol: 17352

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	130.40	Sep	106.40
Sep	113.50	Nov	108.50
Nov	115.40	Jan	112.00
Jan	117.25	Mar	114.00
Mar	119.20	May	115.25
Volume: 411		Volume: 21	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Jun	unq	225.0
Nov	—	82.50
Mar	—	110.0
		Volume: 84

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
May 104.75-105.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 96	1362	1362	1362
Jun 96	1264	1240	1240
Jul 96	*1215*	*1210*	*1214*
Oct 96	1332	1325	1323
Vol: 123 lots		Open interest: 4587	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2542.0-2545.0	3mth: 2420.0-2423.0	Vol: 1737100
Lead ($/tonne)	836.00-837.00	840.50-841.00	151900
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1030.5-1031.0	1056.5-1057.0	290550
Tin ($/tonne)	6255.0-6260.0	6275.0-6280.0	19975
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1559.0-1560.0	1590.0-1590.5	1480250
Nickel ($/tonne)	7735.0-7740.0	7840.0-7845.0	98640

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	460	32	46	51	5	9½	17½
(*484½)	500	10	24	29	20	27	37½
Argyll	330	25½	32	38	5½	10½	15
(*355½)	360	7	16½	22½	20	25	29½
ASDA	110	10	12	14½	1½	3½	5½
(*117½)	120	4	6½	9½	5½	8½	9½
Boots	600	17	31	40	16½	24	30½
(*609)	650	2	12	20	54½	58	61½
Br Airways	550	21½	34½	43½	15	22½	27½
(*564½)	600	4	13½	21½	49½	53½	56½
BP	550	33½	43	51	5½	12½	17½
(*573½)	600	7½	17½	26	30	36½	42½
Br Steel	160	18½	20	21½	2½	5	7
(*177½)	180	4½	8	11½	12	15	17½
C & W	420	33	44	52½	5½	14	18½
(*449½)	460	11½	23	32½	24½	33	38
CU	600	24½	34	47½	13	26½	31
(*607½)	650	5½	14	24	45	58	61
ICI	850	31½	47	65	17½	34	40
(*857½)	900	11	25	42	47½	63	68
Land Sec	600	36½	39	46½	6	11½	17
(*630)	650	3½	14	21	37½	39	43
M & S	460	9½	20	26½	14½	20	24
(*462)	500	1	7	12	48½	49	51
Nat West	600	33½	44	56½	10	24½	30½
(*616½)	650	10½	21½	33½	38	52½	58
Sainsbury	360	33	42	47½	1½	5	9
(*389)	390	12½	23	29	10½	15½	20½
Shell	900	51	65	75	5½	16½	19½
(*939½)	950	18	33½	43	23½	38½	41
Smkl Bch	638	32	47½	—	11½	24	—
(*651½)	687	10½	25	—	40	51	—
Storehse	300	27	34½	—	3½	7½	—
(*325½)	330	8½	17½	—	16	20½	—
Trafalgar	50	1	1½	—	0½	0½	—
(*50½)	60	0	0	—	9½	9½	—
Zeneca	1350	74	109	138½	26½	51½	66
(*1386)	1400	46	79½	112	49½	74½	89
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	500	37	46	54	14½	22	24½
(*521½)	550	12½	23	31	41	49½	52
Vodafone	240	20	27	30	7	13½	16½
(*250½)	260	10	17	20	17½	24	26½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	420	26½	35	42	12	16	22
(*423½)	460	8½	17	23	35	38	43½
Ladbroke	180	19	21½	26	8½	11½	14½
(*187½)	200	9	12½	17	19½	22½	25½
Utd Bisc	220	16	20½	24½	8½	12½	15
(*225)	240	7½	11½	15½	20	23½	26

May 24, 1996 Tot: 28320 Call: 13567 Put: 14753 FT-SE Call: 3771 Put: 6351
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	40½	47½	53	3	6½	11
(*498½)	500	12½	23	28½	17	22	27
Thames W.	500	48½	50	52½	4½	11	14½
(*547½)	550	9½	20½	26½	28	32½	39
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	280	14	18	22	7½	13	14½
(*282½)	300	5	9	13	19½	25½	26½
Br Aero	850	68	84½	102½	14½	26	32
(*892½)	900	38	55½	74½	34½	47	53½
Br Telcm	330	15	19	22½	16	19½	24½
(*333½)	360	4	8	11½	38	40	44
Cadbury	460	30½	39½	48½	12½	19½	22½
(*471)	500	12½	21	29½	34½	41½	44
Guinness	460	26½	34½	42½	10	17½	19½
(*471)	500	8½	15½	23	33	39	39½
GEC	360	16½	23½	29	13	17	21
(*367½)	390	5	10	16½	33	36	38½
Hanson	180	13½	17	20	4	7	10½
(*191½)	200	4	8	11	14½	18	21½
LASMO	160	23	27½	30	2	4½	4
(*179)	180	10	15	17½	8½	11	11
Lucas	220	26½	32	31½	9	14	16
(*234½)	240	16	21½	21½	18	23½	25
Pilkingtn	191	11	—	—	8½	—	—
(*196)	210	4	—	—	21	—	—
Prudential	420	23½	30	38½	13½	21	24½
(*423½)	460	8	13½	21	39	45	47½
Redland	390	29½	37½	43	9½	15½	18½
(*405)	420	13½	22	28	24	30½	33
R-Royce	220	15	21	26½	9	12½	16
(*224)	240	6½	12½	17½	20½	24	26½
Tesco	280	26½	31½	37	4	9½	11
(*298)	300	14½	20½	25½	12½	18½	19½
Williams	300	32½	35½	—	2½	6	—
(*327)	330	12	16	—	12	18	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3750½)

	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900
Calls						
Jun	119½	80	46½	23	10	3
Jul	139½	104	74	48½	27½	14½
Aug	152½	119½	90	65½	44	27
Sep	176	143½	112½	88	64	47
Dec	—	200½	—	146½	—	100
Puts						
Jun	12	22	41½	68½	107	155
Jul	31	44	66½	91	123	161
Aug	47½	65½	86½	112	140½	175
Sep	66½	84	102½	128	154½	188½
Dec	—	117	—	162	—	217

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	550	20	35	47½	7	21½	28½
(*561½)	600	2	13½	25	39½	51½	57
Amstrad	*140*	*21*	*27*	*29*	*0½*	*3½*	*6*
(*159)	160	7½	15½	18½	6	10	13½
Barclays	750	31½	47½	61	7	22	28
(*773½)	800	7	22½	36	31	48½	54
Blue Circ	330	30½	39½	45	1½	7	11½
(*358½)	360	9	20½	27½	10½	18½	24
Br Gas	160	15	21	24	1½	4½	8
(*172½)	180	4	10½	14	10	13	19
Dixons	460	37	47	58	2	12	16
(*493½)	500	10	23½	35½	15½	29½	33½
Forte	343	28	32½	—	0	0	—
(*370½)	373	6½	13	—	2½	7	—
Tarmac	120	5	11	14½	4	8	11
(*121)	130	1½	7	9	10½	13½	17
Hillsdwn	180	6½	11½	15	3½	7½	10½
(*181½)	200	0½	4	6½	18½	20	22½
Lonrho	180	12½	16½	21	1½	5½	6½
(*190)	200	2½	7	11½	11½	15½	17
Sears	90	6	9½	11	0½	2	4
(*95)	100	1	4½	6	5½	7	9
Thorn	1700	109½	146½	170	10	44½	57
(*1795)	1800	44½	89	127	41½	86½	102½
Tomkins	240	13	18½	22	2	9	11½
(*250)	260	2½	8½	12½	12	20½	22½
Lloyds TSB	292	26	—	—	1	—	—
(*315½)	322	6½	—	—	11½	—	—
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo W	850	34½	49½	66	21½	43	50½
(*857½)	900	13	27½	44½	50½	71½	80
HSBC	950	54	74	99½	18½	38	46½
(*978½)	1000	27	48	69	41	62½	70½
Reuter	750	44	63	77	16½	30½	39
(*769)	800	20	38½	52½	43½	56	62
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	*420*	*23½*	*32½*	*43*	*10*	*20½*	*25½*
(*439½)	460	7½	15	25	34	43	48
	Series	Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Kingfshr	600	29	44½	61½	12	22½	28½
(*613½)	650	7½	21	37	41	49½	55
	Series	Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Unilever	1200	48	73½	86	11	21½	27
(*1227½)	1250	20	43	56½	33½	43½	48½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	500	24	30	30½	6	35	38½
(*517)	550	3	8½	10½	35	77	77½
Scot Pwr	330	12	19	21½	4½	16	17½
(*336)	360	1½	6½	9½	29½	36	36½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 96	3738.0	3756.0	3732.0	3755.0	9484
Previous open interest: 63768	Sep 96	3750.0	3760.0	3743.0	3763.0	1128
FT-SE 250	Jun 96				4495.0	0
Previous open interest: 4141	Sep 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 96	93.90	93.92	93.90	93.90	6353
Previous open interest: 368995	Sep 96	93.83	93.85	93.82	93.84	5373
	Dec 96	93.61	93.64	93.60	93.63	7064
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96	99.11	99.12	99.10	99.12	305
	Dec 96	98.82	98.82	98.81	98.82	2409
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 96	96.72	96.73	96.71	96.73	8687
Previous open interest: 1120442	Sep 96	96.74	96.78	96.74	96.77	14245
Long Gilt	*Jun 96*	*106-11*	*106-13*	*106-01*	*106-11*	*41825*
Previous open interest: 129489	Sep 96	105-10	105-14	105-05	105-12	14701
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	119.55	119.59	119.27	119.30	581
	Sep 96	118.50	118.54	118.15	118.22	3171
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 96	96.77	97.03	96.69	96.98	104613
Previous open interest: 196782	Sep 96	95.88	96.13	95.82	96.10	22934
Three month ECU	Jun 96	95.65	95.66	95.64	95.65	1013
Previous open interest: 26446	Sep 96	95.74	95.74	95.73	95.73	511
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 96	97.77	97.80	97.74	97.78	2713
Previous open interest: 70189	Sep 96	97.72	97.73	97.66	97.72	5526
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 96	115.53	115.80	115.40	115.66	22925
Previous open interest: 68374	Sep 96	114.90	115.14	114.82	115.04	2327

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5²¹⁄₃₂. Sell: 2 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆; 3 mth 5¹⁹⁄₃₂.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5²⁹⁄₃₂-5⅞	5⅞-5²⁷⁄₃₂	5⅞-5²⁷⁄₃₂	5⅞-5²⁷⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-6	6¹⁄₁₆-6	6³⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅝-6⁷⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-6	6¹⁄₁₆-6	6³⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅝-6⁷⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 5⅞, close 5¾.

Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	6	6¹⁄₁₆	6¼
Sterling CDs:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5³¹⁄₃₂	6⅛-6	6⁵⁄₁₆-6¼
Dollar CDs:	5.30	n/a	5.34	5.46	5.76
Building Society CDs:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₃₂-5³¹⁄₃₂	6¹⁄₁₆-6	6³⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £2,699m allotted: £1,000m; Bids: £98.545% received: 26%: Last week: £98.55% received: 78%: Avge rate: £5.8190% last wk £5.8155%; Next week: £800m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¹⁄₁₆-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⁵⁄₁₆-5³⁄₁₆	5½-5¼	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⁵⁄₁₆-3¼	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3¼-2¼
French Franc:	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¹¹⁄₁₆	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-3¹³⁄₁₆	4-3⅞	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2⁵⁄₁₆-2³⁄₁₆	2⅜-2¼	2½-2⅜	2⁹⁄₁₆-2⁷⁄₁₆	2½-1½
Yen:	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	½-⅜	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	1/par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.20-391.50 Close: $390.60-391.10 High: $391.40-391.90
Low: $390.00-390.50 AM: $390.65 PM: $390.85

Krugerrand: $390.00-393.00 (£258.00-260.00)

Platinum: $397.40 (£262.75) **Silver:** $5.33 (£3.525) **Palladium:** $128.75 (£85.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6072-2.6117	2.6073-2.6095	¼-⅛pr	2⅜-2¼pr
Brussels	47.90-48.02	47.91-47.96	13-10pr	36-31pr
Copenhagen	8.9980-9.0182	8.9988-9.0087	1⅞-1½pr	5⅛-4⅝pr
Dublin	0.9672-0.9704	0.9686-0.9701	9-7pr	25-21pr
Frankfurt	2.3306-2.3349	2.3306-2.3332	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	239.17-239.92	239.53-239.75	¼-⅛ds	1/2-¼ds
Madrid	194.15-194.58	194.15-194.40	22-31ds	67-83ds
Milan	2358.4-2364.1	2358.4-2360.9	6-7ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.0771-2.0952	2.0785-2.0805	0.26-0.18pr	0.49-0.38pr
New York	1.5118-1.5140	1.5124-1.5133	0.09-0.07pr	0.243-0.212pr
Oslo	9.9703-9.9942	9.9702-9.9875	1⅛-⅞pr	3⅛-2⅞pr
Paris	7.8882-7.9035	7.8882-7.8944	1½-1⅛pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Stockholm	10.319-10.370	10.321-10.342	⅜-⅛ds	1/8-⅛ds
Tokyo	161.70-163.00	162.79-163.00	⅞-⅝pr	2½-2⅛pr
Vienna	16.395-16.532	16.398-16.418	⅞-⅝pr	1⅛-1pr
Zurich	1.9109-1.9162	1.9123-1.9148	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1½pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2624-1.2632
Austria	*10.85-10.86*
Belgium (Com)	31.71-31.75
Canada	1.3750-1.3755
Denmark	5.9590-5.9630
France	5.2222-5.2232
Germany	1.5435-1.5440
Hong Kong	7.7355-7.7360
Ireland	1.5580-1.5600
Italy	1562.25-1563.25
Japan	107.68-107.78
Malaysia	2.4907-2.4917
Netherlands	1.7262-1.7268
Norway	6.6028-6.6103
Portugal	158.38-158.43
Singapore	1.4100-1.4110
Spain	128.49-128.59
Sweden	6.8400-6.8475
Switzerland	1.2663-1.2673

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5109-1.5135
Australia dollar	1.9090-1.9112
Bahrain dinar	0.5645-0.5765
Brazil real*	1.4776-1.4817
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7100-0.7200
Finland markka	7.1275-7.2435
Greece drachma	365.75-372.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.6922-11.7007
India rupee	52.57-53.53
Indonesia rupiah	3493.00-3561.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4490-0.4590
Malaysia ringgit	3.7647-3.7687
New Zealand dollar	2.2095-2.2132
Pakistan rupee	52.44 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4450-5.5000
Singapore dollar	2.1312-2.1341
S Africa rand (com)	6.5650-6.6670
U A E dirham	5.4950-5.6190

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	205	Land Secs	511
ASDA Gp	3,100	Legal & Gn	195
Abbey Ntl	1,800	Lloyds TSB	4,300
Allied Dom	1,800	Marks Spr	3,500
Argos	691	NatWst Bk	5,400
Argyll Gp	4,800	Nat Grid	2,500
AB Foods	975	Nat Power	8,700
BAA	1,300	P & O	868
BAT Inds	25,700	Pearson	372
BOC	770	Pilkington	4,700
BP	2,700	PowerGen	596
BSkyB	653	Prudential	9,600
BTR	*10,700*	*REXAM*	*646*
BT	7,600	RMC	385
Bk of Scot	2,800	RTZ	3,400
Barclays	3,500	Rank Org	1,200
Bass	1,600	Reckitt Col	1,300
Blue Circle	2,800	Redland	2,700
Boots	1,100	Reed Intl	1,300
BAe	952	Rentokil	2,400
BA	5,400	Reuters	1,900
Brit Gas	10,900	Rolls Royce	2,300
Brit Steel	2,400	Royal Ins	1,800
Burmah Cstl	1,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,200
Burton	8,700	Sainsbury	2,900
Cable Wire	4,700	Schroders	48
Cadbury	2,600	Scot & New	1,000
Carlton Cms	2,100	Scot Power	1,200
Cm Union	852	Svrn Trent	2,000
Cookson	1,400	Shell Trans	3,600
Courtaulds	878	Siebe	862
Dixons	503	SmKl Bch	1,500
Enterpr Oil	2,600	Smith Nph	3,900
For & Col IT	442	Smiths Inds	1,400
GKN	924	Sthern Elec	1,000
GRE	857	Std Chartd	3,200
GUS	1,600	Sun Allnce	3,300
Gen Acc	221	TI Gp	1,800
Gen Elec	5,500	Tate & Lyle	1,200
Glaxo Well	2,900	Tesco	11,700
Granada	2,300	Thames W	779
Grand Met	*3,700*	*Thrn EMI*	*585*
Greenalls	455	Tomkins	11,400
Guinness	3,000	Unilever	876
HSBC	1,600	United Utils	1,400
Hanson	10,900	Vodafone	2,900
ICI	803	Whitbread	956
Kingfisher	2,900	Wilms Hld	839
LASMO	1,300	Wolseley	629
Ladbroke	3,200	Zeneca	1,200

WALL STREET

	May 24 midday	May 23 close
AMP Inc	42¼	42¼
AMR Corp	93¼	94⅛
ASA	44	44⅛
AT & T	63⅛	62⅜
Abbott Labs	42⅛	41½
Advanced Micro	17⅛	17⅛
Aetna Life	74⅛	74⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	25⅛	25⅛
Air Prod & Chem	59⅛	57½
AirTouch Comm	32⅛	32⅛
Alberto-Culver B	40⅛	40
Albertson's	39⅛	39⅛
Alcan Alumnm	32½	32⅛
Alco Standard	65½	64⅜
Allied Signal	57⅛	58⅛
Alum Co of Am	62⅛	62⅛
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6⅛
Amerada Hess	59⅛	59⅛
Amer Brands	44½	44⅛
Amer El Power	40⅛	40⅛
Amer Express	47⅛	47½
Amer Genl Corp	36	35⅛
Amer Home Pr	53⅛	52⅛
Amer Intl	94½	93⅛
Amer Stores	35⅛	35⅛
Amer Standard	30⅛	30⅛
Ameritech	59⅛	58⅛
Amoco	73⅛	73⅛
Anheuser-Busch	71⅛	71⅛
Apple Computer	26⅛	26⅛
Archer Daniels	20	19½
Armco	5⅛	5⅛
Armstrng Wrld	59⅛	59⅛
Asarco	32⅛	32⅛
Ashland Oil	43⅛	43⅛
Atl Richfield	122⅛	122⅛
Auto Data Pro	38⅛	38⅛
Avery Dennison	57⅛	57⅛
Avon Products	94½	93⅛
Baker Hughes	33⅛	33⅛
Baltim Gas & El	27⅛	27⅛
Banc One	37	36⅛
BankAmerica	76⅛	76
Bank of NY	53	52⅛
Bankers Tr NY	75⅛	75⅛
Barnett Banks	63	62⅛
Bausch & Lomb	42⅛	42
Baxter Intl	44⅛	44
Becton Dicknsn	84⅛	84⅛
Bell Atlantic	64⅛	62⅛
Bell Industries	21⅛	21⅛
BellSouth	41⅛	40⅛
Black & Decker	43⅛	43⅛
Block (H&R)	35⅛	35⅛
Boeing	85⅛	85⅛
Boise Cascade	44⅛	44
Bristol Myrs Sq	86⅛	85⅛
Browning Ferris	30⅛	29⅛
Brunswick	21⅛	21⅛
Burlington Nthn	87	87⅛
CMS Energy Corp	29⅛	29⅛
CNA Financial	100⅛	99⅛
CPC Intl	69	68⅛
CSX	50⅛	51⅛
Campbell Soup	65⅛	65⅛
Can Pacific	19⅛	20
Carolina Pwr	37⅛	37
Caterpillar	68⅛	67⅛
Central & SW	28	27⅛
Champion Intl	47	46⅛
Chase Manhat	71⅛	71⅛
Chevron Corp	61⅛	61⅛
Chrysler	67⅛	67⅛
Chubb Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Cigna Corp	114⅛	114⅛
Citicorp	84⅛	84⅛
Clorox	85⅛	85⅛
Coastal Corp	42⅛	43⅛
Coca Cola	47⅛	46⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	80⅛	79⅛
Columbia Gas	49	48⅛
ColumbiaHCA	54⅛	54⅛
Compaq Comp	48	48
Comp Ass Intl	73⅛	74⅛
Conagra	42⅛	41⅛
Conrail	71⅛	71⅛
Cons Edison	28	27⅛
Cons Nat Gas	50⅛	50
Cooper Inds	41⅛	41⅛
Corestates	39⅛	40
Corning Inc	39	39
Crown Cork	47⅛	47⅛
Dana Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Dayton Hudson	101⅛	102⅛
Deere	41⅛	41⅛
Delta Air Lines	85⅛	85⅛
Deluxe Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Digital Equip	52⅛	52⅛
Dillard Dept St	37⅛	38⅛
Disney (Walt)	62⅛	62
Dominion Res	40⅛	39⅛
Donelley (RR)	37	37
Dover Corp	48	48⅛
Dow Chemical	85⅛	85⅛
Dow Jones	39	39⅛
Dresser	30⅛	30⅛
Duke Power	49⅛	49⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	65⅛	64⅛
Du Pont	82⅛	83⅛
Eastman Chem	66⅛	65⅛

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Eastman Kodak	74⅛	75
Eaton Corp	58⅛	58⅛
Edison Intl	16⅛	16⅛
Emerson Elec	88⅛	87⅛
Engelhard Corp	25⅛	24⅛
Enron Corp	41⅛	41⅛
Entergy	27⅛	27⅛
Ethyl Corp	10⅛	10⅛
Exxon	87⅛	87⅛
FMC Corp	67⅛	67⅛
FPL Group	44	43⅛
Federal Express	80⅛	79⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	32⅛	32⅛
First Bk Sys	62	62⅛
First Union Rlty	7	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	45⅛	45⅛
Fluor Corp	67	66⅛
Ford Motor	36⅛	36⅛
GTE Corp	45⅛	44⅛
Gannett	69	69⅛
Gap Inc Del	32⅛	32⅛
Gen Dynamics	63⅛	63⅛
Gen Electric	84⅛	84⅛
Gen Mills	58⅛	57⅛
Gen Motors	55⅛	56⅛
Gen Reinsurance	142⅛	141⅛
Gen Signal	39	39
Genuine Parts	45⅛	45⅛
Georgia Pac	75⅛	75⅛
Gillette	59⅛	58⅛
Glaxo Wellc ADR	25⅛	26⅛
Goodrich (BF)	39	39⅛
Goodyear Tire	52	51⅛
Grace (W&R)	74⅛	74⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	35⅛	35⅛
Great Wstn Fin	23⅛	23⅛
Halliburton	57⅛	56⅛
Harcourt General	52⅛	52⅛
Heinz (HJ)	33⅛	33⅛
Hercules	57⅛	58⅛
Hershey Foods	75⅛	74⅛
Hewlett Packard	106⅛	105⅛
Hilton Hotels	103⅛	103
Home Depot	52	51⅛
Homestake Mng	19⅛	19⅛
Honeywell	53⅛	53
Household Intl	70⅛	71
Houston Inds	22⅛	23
Humana	23⅛	23⅛
ITT Corp	60⅛	60⅛
Illinois Tool	67⅛	67⅛
Illinova	26⅛	26⅛
INCO	32⅛	32⅛
Ingersoll Rand	43⅛	43⅛
Inland Steel	21⅛	21⅛
Intel Corp	71	70⅛
IBM	108⅛	109⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	50⅛	48⅛
Intl Paper	42	42⅛
James River Va	25⅛	25⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	97⅛	96⅛
Kellogg	74⅛	73⅛
Kerr-McGee	61⅛	61⅛
Kimberly-Clark	79⅛	75⅛
Kmart	10⅛	10⅛
Knight-Ridder	76⅛	75⅛
Lilly (Eli)	62⅛	61⅛
Limited Inc	21⅛	21⅛
Lincoln Nat	48⅛	48⅛
Litton	47⅛	47⅛
Liz Claiborne	37⅛	37⅛
Lockheed Martin	85⅛	85⅛
Louisiana Pac	26⅛	25⅛
MCI Comm	29⅛	30
Marriott Int	48⅛	47⅛
Marsh & McLnn	97⅛	96⅛
Masco Corp	31⅛	31⅛
May Dept St	49⅛	49⅛
Maytag Corp	22⅛	22⅛
McDonalds	49⅛	49⅛
McDonnell D	103⅛	103⅛
McGraw Hill	47⅛	48⅛
Mead Corp	54⅛	54⅛
Medtronic	56⅛	56⅛
Mellon Bk	56⅛	56⅛
Melville Corp	39⅛	39
Merck Inc	64⅛	63⅛
Merrill Lynch	66⅛	66⅛
Microsoft	118⅛	118⅛
Minnesota Mine	70⅛	69⅛
Mobil Corp	114⅛	115⅛
Monsanto	156⅛	156⅛
Morgan (JP)	89⅛	88⅛
Motorola Inc	65	65
Natl Semi	16⅛	16⅛
Natl Service Ind	39⅛	39⅛
Navistar Int	10⅛	10⅛
NY Times A	33	33
Newmont Mng	57⅛	58⅛
Niag Mohawk	7⅛	8
Nike B	102⅛	101⅛
NL Industries	14⅛	14⅛
Noram Energy	10⅛	10⅛
Nordstrom	50⅛	51
Norfolk Sthrn	89⅛	87⅛
Nthn State Pwr	48⅛	47⅛
Norwest Corp	36⅛	36⅛
Nynex Corp	47⅛	49⅛
Occidental Pet	26⅛	26⅛
Ohio Edison	22	22

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Oracle	33⅛	33⅛
Oryx Energy Co	16⅛	17⅛
Overseas Ship	18⅛	18⅛
Owens Corning	41⅛	40
PHH Corp	57⅛	57⅛
PPG Industries	53⅛	53
PNC Bank	30⅛	30⅛
PP&L Res	23⅛	23⅛
Paccar Inc	49⅛	49⅛
Pacificorp	20⅛	20⅛
Pac Enterprises	26⅛	26⅛
Pac Gas & Elec	23⅛	23⅛
Pac Telesis	34⅛	33⅛
Pall Corp	27⅛	27
Parker Hannifin	42⅛	42
Peco Energy	25⅛	25⅛
Penney (JC)	52⅛	52⅛
Pennzoil	45⅛	44⅛
Pepsico	67⅛	67⅛
Pfizer	69⅛	68⅛
Pharm & Upjhn	41⅛	41⅛
Phelps Dodge	70⅛	70⅛
Philip Morris	102⅛	103⅛
Phillips Pet	42⅛	42⅛
Pitney Bowes	50⅛	51
Polaroid	44⅛	44⅛
PriceCostco	20	19⅛
Procter & Gmbl	89⅛	89⅛
Providian	45	44⅛
Pub Serv E & G	27⅛	27
Quaker Oats	35⅛	35
Ralston Purina	61⅛	60⅛
Raychem Corp	79⅛	79⅛
Raytheon	53⅛	52⅛
Reebok Intl	30⅛	30⅛
Reynolds Metals	54⅛	54⅛
Rockwell Intl	56⅛	56⅛
Rohm & Haas	67⅛	67⅛
Royal Dutch	152⅛	152
Rubbermaid	28⅛	28⅛
SBC Comms	50⅛	49⅛
Safeco Corp	34⅛	37⅛
St Paul's Cos	53⅛	52⅛
Salomon Inc	43⅛	43⅛
Sara Lee Corp	33⅛	33⅛
Schering Plough	59⅛	58⅛
Schlumberger	89⅛	88⅛
Seagram	35⅛	35⅛
Sears Roebuck	50⅛	49⅛
Shell Trans	87	86⅛
Sherwin Wllms	46⅛	45⅛
Skyline Corp	24⅛	25⅛
Snap-On-Tools	48⅛	48⅛
Southern Co	24	23⅛
Sprint Corp	43⅛	43⅛
Stanley Works	60⅛	60⅛
Sun Company	31⅛	31⅛
Sun Microsys	61⅛	61⅛
Suntrust	37⅛	37⅛
Supervalu	31⅛	31⅛
Sysco Corp	34⅛	33⅛
TRW Inc	96⅛	95⅛
TCC Inds	2⅛	2⅛
Tandem Comp	12⅛	12⅛
Tandy Corp	58⅛	58⅛
Teledyne	34⅛	38⅛
Temple Inland	50⅛	50⅛
Tenneco	55	55⅛
Texaco	86⅛	86⅛
Texas Inst	51⅛	51⅛
Texas Utilities	42⅛	42
Textron	85⅛	85⅛
Time Warner	41⅛	41⅛
Times-Mirror A	45⅛	44⅛
Timken	39⅛	39⅛
Torchmark	43⅛	43⅛
Toys R Us	29⅛	29⅛
Transamerica	81⅛	81⅛
Travelers	62⅛	62⅛
Tribune	74⅛	73⅛
Tyco Labs	40⅛	40⅛
UST Inc	34⅛	34⅛
UAL	59⅛	59⅛
US Inds	22	21⅛
USX Marathon	22⅛	22⅛
Unicom	28	27⅛
Unilever NV	137⅛	137⅛
Union Camp	54⅛	54⅛
Union Carbide	43⅛	43⅛
Union Pacific	71⅛	70⅛
Unisys Corp	8⅛	7⅛
USAIR Group	18⅛	19
USF&G Corp	15⅛	15⅛
US Life	30⅛	30⅛
United Tech	111⅛	110⅛
Unocal Corp	33⅛	33⅛
VF Corp	60⅛	60⅛
WMX Tech	35⅛	34⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅛	24⅛
Warner-Lambert	55⅛	54
Wells Fargo	246⅛	242
Westinghouse El	18⅛	18⅛
Weyerhaeuser	48⅛	48⅛
Whirlpool	57⅛	56⅛
Whitman	25⅛	25⅛
Winn Dixie	35⅛	34⅛
Woolworth	21⅛	21⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	53⅛	52⅛
Xerox	160⅛	159⅛
Yellow Corp	13⅛	13

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Councils get tougher with homeowners

WEEKEND MONEY

BLAIR THOUGHTS

Analysts try to understand Labour's message

First-time movers are the market shakers

AS LENDERS are proudly proclaiming, mortgage rates are at a 30-year low. But, for many first-time buyers, who cannot remember the double-digit rates of the late Eighties this is a meaningless statistic. So instead, banks and building societies are concentrating their efforts on another group, those leaving their first small flat for something larger. Special deals are on offer for these first-time movers, the new housing market heroes. Such special deals may not, however, be around for long if the Bank of England has its way. This week, it warned on the dangers of artificially low rates. Anne Ashworth, Marianne Curphey, Sara Jones and Sara McConnell report.

After a long hard winter of negative equity and repossessions, could spring finally have come to the housing market? Thousands of househunters, lured by discount mortgages, cashback offers and rock-bottom interest rates, are preparing to spend their Bank Holiday weekend investigating fitted kitchens and garden flats. The Halifax Building Society, the country's largest lender, believes June could bring another rise in house prices, making it the 10th consecutive monthly rise. The society had predicted a 2 per cent rise in prices this years, but is ready to revise that figure upwards if June sales look promising.

Meanwhile, estate agents and mortgage providers, ever the optimists, claim to have discovered a new breed of househunter whom they believe will kick-start the housing market. Step aside first-time buyers; step forward first-time movers.

Building societies and banks are currently offering the lowest mortgage rates for nearly 30 years and this week reported that lending is up 25 per cent on last year and the mortage market is experiencing a gradual recovery. They also indicated a change in the type of lending.

"We are not seeing as much of the first-time buyers as we would like to. Instead the business is coming from first-time movers, people moving from a flat to a small house or from a terrace to a family home," said John Gully, Portman's head of corporate affairs.

First-time buyers, who cannot remember interest rates as high as 15 per cent, remain unimpressed by the fact that rates are at a 30-year low. First-time movers on the other hand realise that fixed-rate mortgages at least cannot go any lower and are deciding to move house while they can.

"There is often pressure on first-time movers to actually move, whether job or family related. They may have held back while rates were high and property values low, but now they are seeing stability in both rates and prices, and so feel more confident about moving. First-time buyers on the other hand still lack that confidence," said Mr Gully.

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Lorna Vestey, a partner with Knight Frank, the estate agent in central London confirms that since the beginning of the year the housing market has started to pick up. "We are seeing a lot of activity, particularly in sales of top of the range properties but also across the board."

Up to the end of last year lenders were concentrating on stealing customers from each other, a practice known in the industry as "churning".

For many the bulk of their business was remortgages, where borrowers rearrange their mortgage but they stay in their own home. Such arrangements mean there is no overall increase in the market.

Now, however, providers are gaining a more genuine market and in the first quarter of this year, with homeowners actually moving, there has been an increase in the purchase market. At National Counties, remortgaging still accounts for the majority of business. "However we are seeing more confidence. Our mortages are for people with an equity stake of at least 30 per cent in their property, and those people are definitely moving," said John Milton, general manager.

Bradford & Bingley has seen an up-turn in house purchases, but again by second and third-time buyers rather than first-timers.

For those on the move and taking out a new mortgage, the big dilemma is still whether to fix or to be lured by a discount and cashback.

The decision hinges on what you think interest rates will do over the next five years. Current thinking is that if you fix your mortgage now for a term that takes you beyond the coming general election, you will not be hit when rates start rising afterwards.

Furthermore, a five-year deal will take you to 2001, a year or two before the election after next is due, when rates should again be low and you can get another election-beating loan.

That's a myth, said Ian Sheppardson, UK economist at HSBC. "The interest cycle will happen, but it will be much more modest than previous swings.

All the evidence points to low labour costs and a stable economy. That means inflation will stay low and clearly so will the base rate." If base rates stay modest, so will mortgage variable rates and that means fixed rates no longer look such a good deal.

There are two further nails in the fixed-rate coffin. First, the best deals have already gone. Three months ago you can get a five-year rate for under 7 per cent. Now the lowest five-year rate available, with no strings, is 7.69 per cent from NatWest, while Cheltenham & Gloucester charges 8.69 per cent.

Secondly, when musing over a fixed rate borrowers tend to compare it with the lender's variable rate. What they should look at is the discount rates on offer. So a three-year fixed rate of 7.69 per cent from the Cheltenham & Gloucester looks good next to a current variable rate of 7.25 per cent.

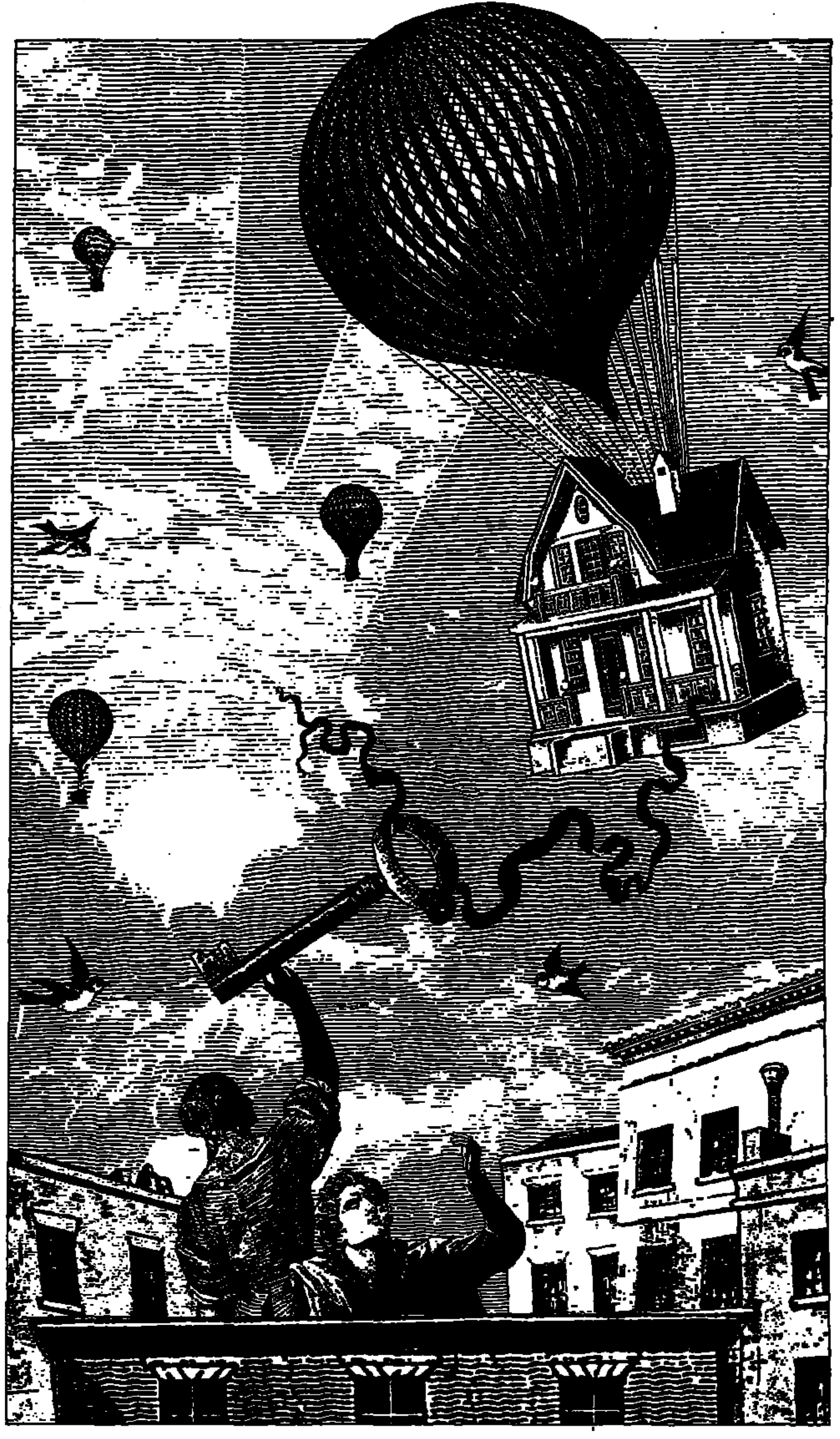
Compare it instead with a three-year discount of 1.85 per cent from the Stroud & Swindon that gives a current payable rate of 5.39 per cent. That means unless variable rates rise above 9.54 per cent over the three years, you would be better off with the discount.

(However nothing is simple: on loans above 75 per cent of the property deal, the picture is less clear because Cheltenham & Gloucester is unusual in not charging mortgage indemnity guarantee.)

BEST BUYS FOR HOME-MOVERS

Lender	Initial payable rate %	Present variable rate %	Fixed or discounted until	Maximum advance
Principality 0800 454478	1.00	6.74	Disc to 01.07.97	90
National Counties 01372 739702	4.49	6.99	Disc for 2 years	70
Principality 0800 454478	4.90	6.74	Disc to 01.07.99	95
Portman 01225 318339	5.99	7.24	Fixed to 01.05.98	90
Bristol & West 01225 424183	6.95	7.25	Fixed to 30.06.00	90
Chelsea 01179 292444	7.24	7.24	5% cashback Variable rate	90
Nat West 0800 400999	7.99	7.25	Fixed to 30.06.02	95

Source: London & County Mortgages - 0800 373300



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What's the future for discount deals?

Happily for borrowers, a Bank of England warning about the dangers of artificially low mortgages to both customers and lenders does not spell the end of discounts and cashbacks.

After the warning, the Halifax Building Society, the largest lender, confirmed that it would be continuing to offer cashbacks of as much as £10,000 and discounts of as much as 3 per cent.

However, future loan offers may be less generous, or structured in a different way, with discounts being given throughout the whole term, rather than during the first few years. The increased demand for mortgages, reported earlier this week, may also cut the numbers of low rate deals on offer.

John Gully, of the Portman Building Society, says: "As the market picks up, the need to go out and buy business will be unnecessary. Why should lenders offer a rate of 1 per cent when they can get the business at 5 per cent? Even before the Bank of England's warning, we have seen a decrease in the number of high discounted mortgages."

The main concern surrounding discounted loans is the "rate shock" — the blow to the wallet when repayments rise from their reduced level of as little as 1 per cent to the lender's normal variable, a six or sevenfold increase. The main criticism of cashbacks is that customers are tempted by the offer of cash in hand without working out long-term implications.

Another pitfall in the fixed or discounted rate loan is the "lock-in period". To recoup its losses on the discounted deal, the society imposes a penalty if you try to quit either during the lower rate period, or for a number of years thereafter. Borrowers with the Halifax are locked in for seven years, those with National & Provincial for six.

Andrew Messenger, chief executive of the West Bromwich Building Society, said: "We have measures in place that ensure that the most vulnerable people do not get big discounts. Our discounts go to those with less than 75 per cent loan to value, who are often second-time buyers and who our assessment shows can cope with any rate rise." He added: "The disaster the Bank of England is predicting will not happen. The competition of the last year or so has squeezed profits and lenders will have to pull back, reducing discounts and increasing fixed rates." Lenders canvassed by *The Times* acknowledged that discounted rates held risks. But they said that it was impossible for them to do business in a competitive marketplace without offering special deals.

Brian Davis, chief executive of the Nationwide, said that his society had brought in smaller, long-term discounts. He added that as a building society with no need to provide a return to shareholders the Nationwide could afford to give a better deal than banks, or the societies destined for the stock market.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester, the home loans division of Lloyds Bank, has predicted the demise of the cashback.

ANNE ASHWORTH
AND SARAH JONES

Risks that bring rewards

PERSONAL INVESTOR

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Congratulations to investors in British Biotech. They have now seen their shares multiply sixfold in value in a year. But anyone slavering to follow should remember that for most shareholders, the breakthrough is a reward for years of patience. For its first three years as a quoted company, British Biotech was a poor investment; the shares were down a fifth after 18 months and only caught up with the all-share average last autumn.

The share price is leaping because Marimastat, Biotech's cancer-stalling chemical, has passed another high hurdle on its way to market. Even the most promising drug is like a scientific proposition: valid only in the sense that its value has not been disproved. Marimastat could be a big seller, which is why British Biotech is priced nearly high enough to join the FT-SE 100-share index. It could still be worthless: if 60 per cent of drugs that reach clinical trials make it, 40 per cent do not.

Even Boots was so discomfited when its big hope Manaplax failed at the last moment that it got out of this high-risk business altogether. One blockbuster drug from a huge research programme was the making of modern Glaxo. But pharmaceuticals are such a high-risk business that the world's top companies now aim to deliver a faster, steadier stream of more modest advances.

Big rewards go with big risks. Success generates as much profit and delight as mining and oil strikes. As in the resource business, though, there are many tales of woe for every one of joy. Latecomers need to be wary. Canny bonanza hunters buy the hope and sell the reality. Even Eurotunnel investors could have quadrupled their money if they sold in 1989, before the hard graft began.

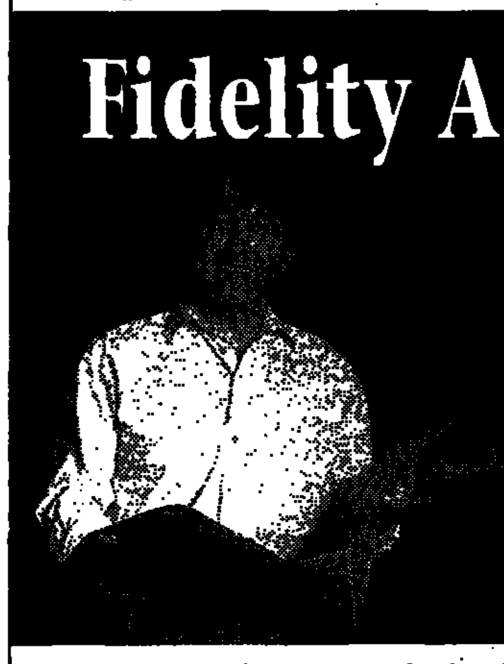
There is more satisfaction in profits from financing new medicines or scientific advances. There have been plenty recently. MAID shares multiplied 3½ times when IBM took its electronic database service. Shares in Unipalm, developer of the Pipex Internet server, showed a similar gain over 19 months on an American takeover. BTG, a relic of the 1970s National Enterprise Board that exploits patents, was placed at 225p last July and now sells at £19 a share. BTG still makes a loss but a new motor gear has been licenced to Toyota.

By contrast, shareholders in much-hyped Virtuality Group show only a 10 per cent loss after three bumpy years — so far. Who knows what will happen? Only insiders really know the true odds in such cases. Investors can read the runes, but must wait patiently to see if their horse wins the race.

If timing were easy, you could profit just as spectacularly in long-quoted companies. Among the As alone, you could have quadrupled your money in four months ahead of a buy-in at ailing Arlen; made a similar coup at Asprey ahead of last year's takeover or, most recently, at long-lagging Laura Ashley. Even blue chips are fair game. If you bought Asda shares at their 1992 trough, you would have trebled your money in a year and quintupled it by now. Straying into Bs, £1,000 invested in British Aerospace in autumn 1992 became £5,000 by end-1993 and £8,000 now.

Few did buy at the trough, because this was a point of maximum danger. Some of them could have gone bust. Just as often, bargain hunting led to a 100 per cent loss. In the exciting new companies, risks are just as real if less apparent. Venture capital is venturesome. There may be total failures as well as many that will never come to much.

Spreading the risk means spreading rewards thinner too. For investors targeting long-term growth, with no care for income, venture capital investment trusts are still worth backing. On NatWest Securities' calculations, most beat the all-share average most of the time. But some underperform badly and, like most low-income securities, the sector is volatile. Even in trusts, risk is the price of higher rewards.



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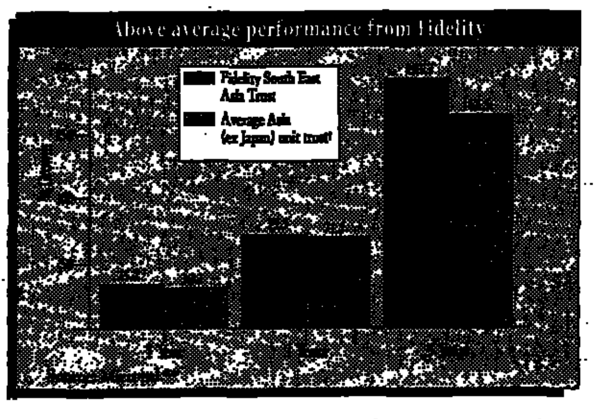

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Karen Zagor looks at the increasing demands on homeowners

Caught in the grip of tightening council tax

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As taxpayers prepare to pay the third instalment of council tax for the current year, it is hardly surprising that many feel that they are being squeezed dry.

This year, we are forking out an extra £2.5 billion in council tax, representing an average increase of 6.2 per cent over 1995's payments.

The increases vary wildly from authority to authority. In Islington, for example, comparatively high rates jumped another 14.5 per cent for a band D home. Yet inflation is running at only 2.9 per cent. This is not the first time that council tax increases have outpaced inflation. Last year, council taxes rose an average of 5.4 per cent, whereas inflation was up a more modest 3.4 per cent.

To make matters worse, those who have had their payments subsidised by transitional relief, which was intended to ease the pain of the shift from poll tax to council tax, will no longer receive this help. Transitional relief has now been eliminated.

The Times has discovered that if a council makes a mistake and charges a resident the wrong amount of tax, the authority can demand payment for the difference at any time in the six years after the mistake was made.

For a resident who has diligently paid every bill on time, this can result in an unexpected bill of thousands of pounds if the council's errors stretch over several years. As with most council tax bills, these come with a demand that payment be made within 14 days.

Part of the problem is that, unlike income tax, it is almost impossible for an ordinary person to calculate how much council tax is due. All you can do is check that you are paying the correct level for the band in which the property falls. If you are currently not being billed at all, the chances are that the council has made a mistake.

Consumers have very little redress when it comes to rectifying an authority's errors because councils have a legal right to demand moneys owed. But if the demand seems unreasonable, there should be room to negotiate.

Rob Rundle, spokesman for the local government ombudsman in London said: "Yes, we have had complaints about this, but they haven't led to reports. When someone complains, the ombudsman will look at reasonableness. If a council said to someone 'we've undercharged you and this is what you should have paid us', and if the request was lawful, the ombudsman would expect the council to give this person a reasonable time to pay."

Any unusual demand from a council should be investigated. It is not unknown for councils to make outrageous blunders. *The Sun* recently reported a case in which Borders Council sent a tax demand addressed to "William McCafferty, deceased", five months after he had died from cancer.

UNDERPAYING

If a council finds that it has made a mistake, it is required to rebill you. If, however, you think this is because of maladministration or incompetence on the part of the authority, you can complain to the local government ombudsman. The ombudsman cannot reimburse you, but he can issue a report and make a recommendation for remedy. He can also put pressure on the council if it decides not to follow his recommendation.

The ombudsman's office says that all disputes should first be taken directly to the council. If that fails, you should make a formal complaint to a senior person at the council. If you are still dissatisfied, then you should contact your nearest local government ombudsman. There are three offices in England — in York, Coventry and London — one in Wales, and one in Scotland. Ask your council, library or Citizens Advice Bureau for details.

BANDING

Council tax is based on property values in 1991, when the property market was much stronger than it is today. As a result, if your property was worth £95,000 in 1991, it would fall into band D, even if it is now worth only £85,000.

The substantial drop in house prices since 1991 has led to calls for a government review of the bands.

The Department of Environment argues that if your property has fallen in value because of the weak market, then every other similar property in your neighbourhood will also be worth less, and that the relationship between different properties will not have changed. It is estimated that two million properties were placed in the wrong bands in 1991, and about one million properties are still believed to be in the wrong bracket. While it it too late to appeal against the 1991 valuations for an existing home, you are allowed to appeal if you have moved in the past six months and believe that a mistake was made in 1991. You can also appeal to have the banding changed if there have been substantial physical changes to the property in recent years. If a motorway now runs through your garden, you may be due for a rates reduction. But if you have substantially raised your home's value, you may be rebanded.

DROP IN INCOME

If you cannot afford the council tax on your property, expect little mercy from the authority unless your circumstances have changed dramatically. Council tax benefit, from the Department of Social Services, can be a real help. The benefit is based on the amount of council tax you pay, your level of income and sundry circumstances. A spokeswoman for Camden Council said: "Individuals are obliged to tell us if their circumstances change. If your level of income drops, or your partner dies, let us know. After everything is assessed you may well qualify for a reduced rate because of a change in family circumstance."

GRANNY FLATS

If you have set up a self-contained flat for an ageing parent, it will almost certainly incur council tax while it is inhabited, because it qualifies as a dwelling in its own right.

Once the flat is vacated, it may become immune from council tax, depending on the actual space. An annexe that cannot be let separately from the main dwelling without breaching planning permits, for example, would be exempt while unoccupied.

An updated Council Tax Handbook is due later this year from CPAG LTD, 1-5 Bath Street, London EC1V 9PY; Price, £9.95.

A QUESTION OF MONEY

Unit trusts facing an open end

The financial services world, riddled as it is with confusing jargon, is about to gain another acronym. The imaginatively entitled Open Ended Investment Companies (Oeics) are poised to join the already bewildering world of collective investments, currently occupied by unit trusts and investment trusts.

Over the next few years, Oeics are likely to replace unit trusts in the collective investment stable. Many fund managers are also considering whether they can convert their existing funds into Oeics.

Much will depend on the final outline of the rules, which will be formed out of legislation which has yet to go through Parliament.

Even though Oeics are unlikely to make an appearance before the end of the year, forewarned is forearmed. Here *The Times* answers some basic questions about this new product.

Q Just what exactly are Oeics?

A They are structured as single companies which trade in shares of different companies, like an investment trust. However, unlike an investment trust which is "closed ended", having a fixed number of shares in issue, Oeics are "open-ended" which means that new shares can be created. Their open-ended structure makes them much more like unit trusts. But unlike unit trusts, which are governed by trust law, Oeics will come under company law.

Q Why are Oeics being introduced?

A It was thought necessary to introduce these funds because unit trusts are a difficult concept to explain to investors in other countries where trust law is not a known quantity. Many fund managers have had to run two fund ranges, one from the UK and one from abroad, to satisfy both markets.

Q Will they have any significant advantages over unit trusts?

A The biggest advantage of Oeics over unit trusts is that they will operate on a single price — investors will be able to buy and sell shares at one quoted price. This is in contrast to the current, somewhat obscure, bid/-offer pricing structure of unit trusts, where units are bought and sold at different prices. A bid/offer spread means that if you buy units and then immediately sell them — there will usually be a price difference of about 6 per cent.

Q Are there any other advantages?

A Oeics will be able to offer a variety of different types of shares to meet the requirements of different types of investors. For instance, it will be possible to have shares quoted in different currencies for investors abroad. Fund managers are also hoping the new structure will allow them to offer funds that pay out a guaranteed amount over a fixed term.

Q Will investors in Oeics get the same protection as those who hold their investments in unit trusts?

A The Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds believes that the investor protection regimes governing both types of investment will be equivalent. Shareholders in Oeics will be able to vote on the issues governing their funds in the same way as unitholders do now. Oeics will hold annual meetings for shareholders as investment trusts do now.

Q Will existing unit trusts convert to Oeics?

A Many of the fund management groups are pondering whether to change their existing funds when the legislation comes in. They believe Oeics will pave the way for greater clarity, more flexibility and more active shareholder involvement in the way the fund is managed.

Q Will there be any costs to the fund of converting?

A The Treasury has just announced that it intends to waive the 0.5 per cent stamp duty on conversion costs, which will encourage more trusts to change their structure.

Q Will the unit trust industry eventually disappear?

A The fund management groups anticipate that Oeics will eventually completely replace unit trusts. This may take a few years. In the meantime it is likely investment managers will offer two ranges of funds.

Q Is there going to be any more general rationalisation in the unit trust industry?

A The Treasury's decision to waive stamp duty applies to unit trust mergers in general. Over the next few months there is likely to be spate of mergers between funds.

CAROLINE MERRELL

Mortgages that have become millstones

Norman: advertised TMC

Tens of thousands of borrowers are still paying for the excesses of the 1980s housing boom, when they became trapped by negative equity and mortgage rates well above the current standard variable rate of 7.25 per cent.

In some cases they are paying a full 3 percentage points above average rates, which would add an extra £100 every month to a £60,000 repayment mortgage. Yet current standard variable rates are among the lowest in 30 years. Borrowers with National Home Loans Corporation are some of the hardest hit, paying a standard variable rate of 10.65 per cent.

NHL this week announced a rise of about 33 per cent in half-year profits and raised its dividend. Yet it still refuses to relent on its high interest rate strategy.

Its hard-pressed existing customers will be interested to learn that NHL is now lending again through a new company, Homeloans Direct, where the variable rate is 7.2 per cent.

Borrowers with the Western Trust Bank, whose mortgage book was bought last year by the Birmingham Midshires Building Society, are paying up to 9.75 per cent.

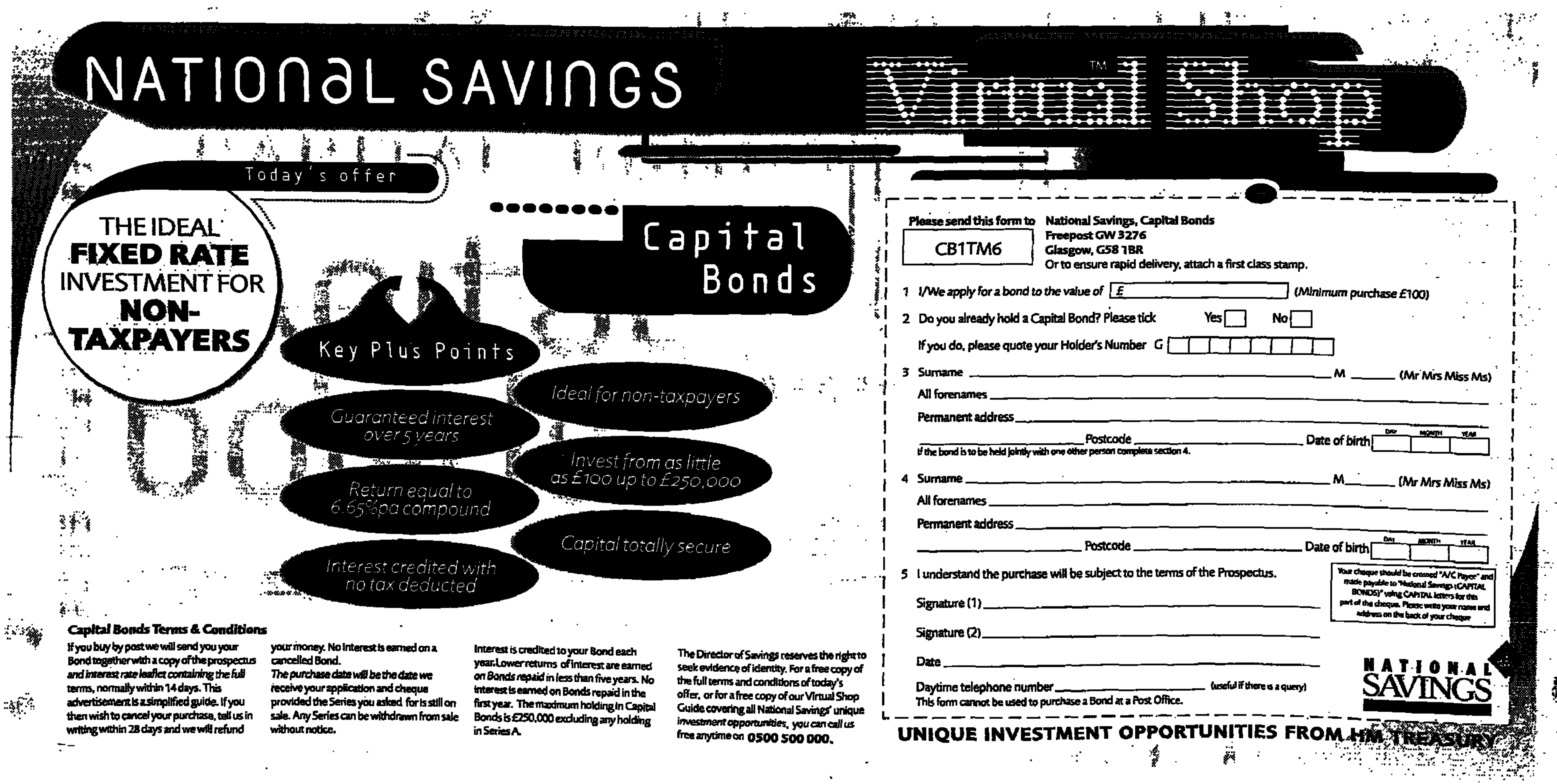
The Mortgage Corporation, owned by Salomon Brothers, the international investment bank, is no longer actively seeking new business. In the mid-1980s, its wares were advertised by Barry Norman, the TV presenter. Most of its borrowers are paying 7.99 per cent, some even higher rates.

Many hapless borrowers are customers of centralised lenders, without high street branches, who entered the mortgage market during the boom.

Some specialised in self-certification loans, where borrowers vouched for their own income, or roll-up loans, where interest was deferred in the early years of the loan but rolled up and added to the outstanding debt. When interest rates rose and house prices fell, borrowers fell into arrears or were repossessed.

Some borrowers are benefitting from a change in mortgage ownership. When UCB Home Loans sold its £4 billion mortgage book to the Nationwide Building Society last June, UCB borrowers were paying three-quarters of a per cent more than Nationwide borrowers. Almost immediately the rate fell. About half the UCB customers are now paying 7.24 per cent, an improvement but still higher than Nationwide customers, who are paying 6.74 per cent under the society's mutuality package. Self-employed UCB borrowers are paying 8.24 per cent.

SARA McCONNELL



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Big names shy from glasnost

COMMENT

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Personal Finance Editor

Glasnost was unpopular among those Soviet citizens with something to hide. Similarly, the disclosure regime, intended to bring a new spirit of openness to the selling of endowments and pensions, makes some life insurance companies uneasy. So uncomfortable, in fact, that more than a dozen would not submit full details of their performance and the charges they deduct from your premiums to a with-profits survey by *Money Marketing* (see page 30).

These refuseniks are not obscure businesses. Some are household names, usually eager to promote their wares. The list of mutes includes: Cornhill, Irish Life, Pearl, Refuge, Scottish Equitable, and NPI, whose squirrel and acorn ads regularly adorn our TV screens.

Some used as the excuse that they were no longer selling with-profit endowments. This puny pretext raises the obvious suspicion that their results were so poor they could not bear comparison with the survey's leaders. Top of this list are: Commercial Union, Equitable Life, General Accident and Standard Life.

It also suggests a disdain for existing customers who should, without delay, write to these companies, asking for performance data for their policies, prepared on the *Money Marketing* basis. Customers preparing to buy pensions and other investments from these reticent groups should note how they treat their policyholders and reconsider their decision.

The advice to think again also applies to those about to invest with some of the companies that did come clean and may now be regretting the move.

Pause, for example, if you are tempted to open a Prudential executive personal pension plan to look at figures guaranteed to make you gasp and stretch your eyes. The company anticipates that if you pay a £25,000 single premium into one of these pensions today its commissions and other expenses will amount to £228,000 over a 35-year period. Elsewhere, the charges may be as low as £13,000 which means a difference of £215,000 in the final size of the fund.

On page 32, we report that Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, is basing all its forecasts on the presumption that Tony Blair will be the next Prime Minister. Some life companies are obviously not making any plans for a possible change in government, or they would already be prepared to fall in line with Labour pensions policy. This will require companies to give clear and regular information to policyholders, surely the most reasonable of demands, whoever is in power.

Power to the people

Caroline Merrell

offers guidance to investors on the upcoming sell-off of British Energy

Will British Energy draw the crowds like Lightning?

The marketing campaign for the sell-off of British Energy, the final company in the Government's ten-year-long privatisation programme begins in earnest this week.

The campaign will kick off with an announcement on Tuesday of the list of registered share shops. A prospectus of the company will follow in a few weeks' time.

The Government is expected to allocate at least 30 per cent of the shares to small shareholders, although this could be higher, as in the case of Railtrack where the final public allocation hit 58.5 per cent.

British Energy comprises eight nuclear power stations in Scotland and England. Together, the stations are responsible for generating about 18 per cent of the UK's electricity. The other generators, National Power and PowerGen, have been sold already.

The sell-off of British Energy has been dogged by controversy, mainly because of public concern about the safety of nuclear reactors and their impact on the environment. The marketing campaign is expected to try to address those concerns.

The prospects for those interested in investing in British Energy depend on the amount of debt with which it is saddled, the price of wholesale electricity and, of course, the price tag the Goverment puts on the company. It is hoping to raise between £2.4 billion and £2.6 billion from the sale, but, bearing in mind that this is the last privatisation before the general election, most analysts believe it will be "priced to go".

Dealings in Railtrack shares began on Monday, with private investors seeing an instant profit of about 14 per cent on their shares in just one week. Not all those who applied for Railtrack shares will get their full allocation, as the offer was nearly twice oversubscribed.

About 44 per cent of those who applied through the UK public offer will get their full allocation and 97 per cent will get all or some of the shares. However, those who applied for more than 300 shares will get fewer than they sought. Those who applied for 400 receive 315, 500 get 330, 600 get 360, 700 get 390, 800 get 420, 900 get 450, 1,000 get 480, 1,500 get 495, 2,000 get 510.

All Pep applicants in the UK retail tender will get the shares for which they applied. All other applicants in this tender, which had a minimum investment of £3,000, will be allocated 1,000 shares.

Many small shareholders sold their shares immediately, before they received notice of their allocation. This was risky, although your share shop should be able to give you details your exact allocation. Refunds for those who applied for shares but did not get their full allocation will be dealt with by the share shops.

Railtrack shareholders have 42 days to put their shares into a Pep. They do not have to sell the shares and buy them back to do this. Stockbrokers say that investors should shop around to find the cheapest and most flexible Pep providers.

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Caroline Merrell on the industry's lack of openness

BRIAN HAMILL

Disclosure was a hit for Demi Moore, but Britain's leading insurance companies are not too keen on the concept

Insurers that fear to reveal charges

Amid much self-congratulation, 18 months ago the life insurance industry declared to the world that, at last, it was coming clean about its charges.

Under the new disclosure regime, they would reveal the considerable sums they deduct from premiums to pay administrative expenses and commission to intermediaries, deductions that have an impact on the return from an investment.

In spite of these assurances, however, the spirit of openness has yet to permeate the industry, as this week's *Money Marketing* survey reveals. The survey, the first major analysis of the charges and performance of with-profits endowment and pensions policies since the introduction of the new disclosure rules, asked the 54 companies that run with-profits funds for details.

Of the 54 only 37 opted to give a full set of figures. Many of the household names that refused to give figures said they no longer offered with-profits policies. Unfortunately, this is of little comfort to the millions of policyholders insured by these companies.

Moreover, the survey, which covers endowment policies and pension plans, also found that charges are rising and not falling, as was hoped.

The life insurers that refused to give details included Scottish Equitable and NPI. John Jenkins, an actuary with KPMG, the actuaries irm that helped to compile the survey, called for a statutory requirement on all companies to disclose figures.

One of the biggest surprises was that Prudential, the UK's biggest pension office, showed the poorest projected performance on its personal pension. *This can be attributed to its* high charges, which will cut the annual returns on its policy by 2.5 per cent. The projected return on a Pru pension taken out by a 29-year-old paying £100 a month would be £183,502 — £63,498 less than the best projection.

Robert Higginbottom, head of savings and investment, said: "Our costs are being brought down gradually. Our past investment performance is good."

Copies of the survey, price £3.75, *may be obtained* by calling 0171-292 3707.

HOW RISING COSTS HIT HOME

■ ONE of the main aims of the new disclosure regime was to try to force companies to cut costs. In reality, the reverse is true. The survey found that the average expenses on both life and pension policies were rising. For instance, the costs on a 25-year personal pension five years ago would cut the annual *returns by* 1.5 *per cent*. This means that if the fund grew by 9 per cent a year, charges would reduce this to 7.5 per cent. The survey found that this 1.5 per cent figure has grown to 1.8 per cent this year. On endowments this figure has grown from 1.1 to 1.4 per cent.

■ THE BEST projected pension performers included **Medical Sickness** with a projected payout of £247,000 on a £100 month policy taken out by a 29-year-old.

Other good performers included **Equitable Life** with a sum of £241,076, **Scottish Equitable** with £236,100, **RNPFN** with £235,435, and **Clerical Medical** with £235,363.

Poorest performers were the **Prudential** with £183,502, **Axa Equity & Law** with £186,000, **Royal London** with £193,333 and **Guardian Financial** with £196,279.

THE BEST

THE best performance on a 25-year £20 per month endowment policy, taken out by a 29-year old non-smoking male, was shown by the **Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses**. Total payout on this policy reached £45,789. Second place was taken by **Royal Insurance**, which paid out £45,313, third in performance terms was **Wesleyan Assurance** with a payout of £44,693. Other top performers included **General Accident** with £44,243, **Commercial Union** with £43,709, **Tunbridge Wells** with £43,269, **Royal London** with £41,662, **Clerical Medical** with £41,643, **AXA Equity & Law** with £41,410 and **Legal & General** with £41,100.

These figures compared with an average payout of £38,882 and a lowest payout of £30,260, making the difference between the top performing fund and bottom performing fund £14,878.

The poorest performers included **Colonial** with £30,260, **Sun Life** with £31,981, and **Britannia Life** with £33,887. **Scottish Amicable** and **Norwich Union**, two household names, also came close to the bottom with payouts of £36,738 and £36,791 respectively.

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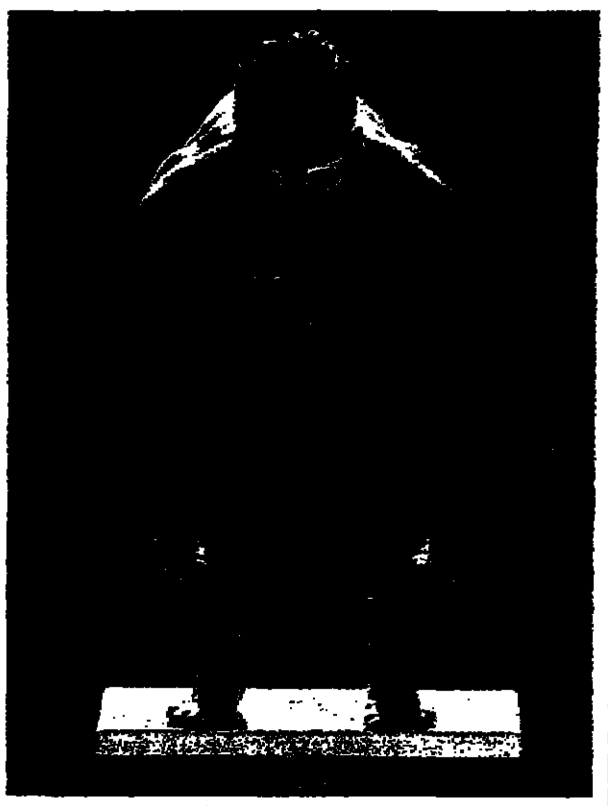

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Sara McConnell on the pension plight of non-working women

The family ties that bind

PENSIONS GUIDE

Working women may find it difficult to build up a decent pension because of career breaks or part-time jobs with no pension. But married women who have devoted their lives to their families can find themselves just as badly off, with little control over their retirement finances.

Earlier this month Weekend Money ran a series of articles on working women and their pensions, pinpointing the serious danger that a vast number of women will spend their retirement in poverty if they rely on their own resources and delay starting to save.

Q Mrs Jessie Yapp of Church Stretton, Shropshire, says:

"I was disappointed that you concentrated only on working women. I and many of my friends and acquaintances gave up work, as was the custom then, to raise our families. Some of us went back to work, often part-time, often in jobs which carried no pensions. I gave up teaching after four years but took a lump sum instead of a pension. I had four children, a husband and a large house to look after. I worked for ICI for two years which carried a pension of £430 a year. My subsequent jobs were part-time and had no pension.

"My husband retired from university teaching with a pension of half his salary. I am 63 next month. If he dies before me, I will get half of that, or 25 per cent of his former income.

"If I die first, his pension continues as before. If I survive him, according to your figures and my own calculations, I will end my life hard up.

"I did what my generation of women did, sacrificed a career to raise a family and look after my husband. By the time life had become easier it was too late to have a career."

> By the time life was easier it was too late for a career

A One of the difficulties for non-working women is that only those who are earning can contribute to a pension. This is one of the reasons why we have focused on working women. Earlier this month, the Government raised the possibility of changing pension rules to allow non-working wives to contribute to their pensions from unearned income, like savings. This would allow them to build up a pension while bringing up a family. Husbands may also be able to contribute on their behalf.

But any move in this direction is certain to take several years. In the meantime, pensions advisers agree that people like you are in a difficult position. You will have a small state pension, to which you have contributed an extra sum, to bring your pension in your own right up to £15 a week. You and your husband will also get the couples' basic state pension of up to £97.75 a week.

John Horton of Chamberlain de Broe, an independent financial adviser, says:

"Your husband's pension will almost certainly have a guarantee that if he dies within five years of retirement you would get a lump sum. If he dies after this but before you, as you say you will get half his pension. University pensions are indexed."

Women with no independent pension provision and who do not feel their husband's provision would be adequate should think about generating income in other ways, says Mr Horton.

One possibility is to invest the tax-free lump sum, which is paid as part of the pension. Most occupational pension plans will pay a lump sum of around one and a half times salary. Investing this in a range of savings accounts, like National Savings and personal equity plans, would generate tax-free income and keep investments liquid, so that you could get the capital back if necessary.

Annuities, which also pay income, are a possibility, especially for those who wait until they are older because they get a better rate. But once capital is used to buy an annuity, it is spent, even if you die the next day.

"Other options, like buying life assurance, are almost certainly out, because of the expense," says Mr Horton. "Most insurers will not take on those over 70 at all and charge large premiums to over-60s."

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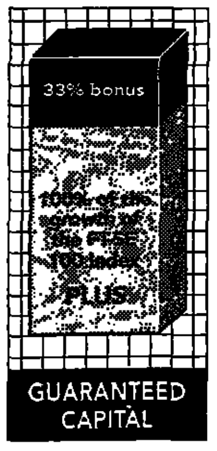

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An overweight position in the trust sector is being urged, **Robert Miller** says

Investment team sees Blair forming next government

In City circles Tony Blair's new Labour needs investment credibility more than votes. And yesterday he received, if not a ringing endorsement, then at least an acknowledgement that he will form the next government.

The decision by Credit Lyonnais Laing (CLL) to feature Mr Blair and his Shadow Cabinet at an airport arrival gateway — John Major, Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke are making for the departure gate — on the cover of their *1996 Investment Trust Year Book* was not taken lightly.

In their annual preview — Don't Panic! — the CLL investment trust team say: "We are as certain as we can be that the Labour Party will form the next UK government. In consequence, we believe that investors should now be concentrating on political certainty rather than political uncertainty and positioning their portfolios accordingly."

The authors admit that their decision to go out on a limb and risk wrongfooting investment trust investors is a risky one. They say: "The decision to pin our colours to the mast in such a high-profile fashion has not been taken lightly. Whilst we have the utmost confidence in our stance, we still run the risk of incurring widespread ridicule if we are wrong."

In looking at the implications of its views for private investors, CLL says: "Our medium-term strategy for investment trusts is formulated *on the political certainty of* a Labour government. Based on this assumption we recommend that investors move to an overweight position in the investment trust sector in the expectation of significant outperformance relative to the FT-SE all-share index."

The CLL team says that in the first place realigning portfolio weightings is a hedge against political risk because "although we have already disregarded political uncertainty as a factor this does not mean that the UK financial markets have fully discounted a change of government".

Tony Blair figures on the cover of Credit Lyonnais Laing's *Investment Trust Year Book*

CLL argues that while the UK economic environment remains favourable and there may still be scope for an interest rate cut (note the use of the singular), the markets will have to contend with the impact of change. "Rightly or wrongly," says CLL, "the performance of the domestic markets will be constrained. In consequence, our UK equity strategists expect the UK market to rise only very modestly in 1996 and the Footsie to end the year at around 3,750. We do not believe that this target, which is around the current level of the market, will be reached in an orderly manner." In the short term, CLL says the index "is vunerable to a correction of between 150 and 250 points in the short term".

CLL argues that in the eyes of international investors the nearer the British general election approaches, the greater the pressure on sterling. In this scenario, the authors believe that investment trusts should be a natural hedge because more than 50 per cent of their exposure is to assets *that are denominated* in overseas currencies.

Taking the CLL argument further, investment trusts have a near 40 per cent exposure to overseas stock markets, which are most likely to be boosted by international capital flows seeking higher returns that those expected in the US and the UK. The "buy" list features the emerging markets of Latin America and the Far East together with Japan and continental Europe. CLL says: "Each of these areas are well represented in the investment trust sector through specialist trusts and increasingly within the portfolios of the internationally diversified trusts."

If you do consider a realignment of your portfolio broadly along the lines suggested by CLL you will need to guage the relative performance of the trusts on your shortlist. The generally accepted yardsticks that may help to whittle down the choice is how the chosen trusts have performed against other similar trusts. An acceptable performance level is to at least match the average of like-minded investment trusts and preferably to do slightly better over consistent time periods of, say, one, three and five years.

On performance, CLL believes there are additional profits to be had from corporate activity in the investment trust sector. They say: "Activity will continue to feature the strong preying on the weak and investors should welcome *the acquisition of poorly managed* trusts, provided a cash alternative is made available."

It would be fair to say, however, that the investment and market fundamentals of selecting a suitable trust with a medium to long-term view, or a specific aim in mind such as school or university fees, should not be confused with the potential profits to be had from takeover activity.

Last post for Hinckley High Rise accounts

SOCIETY WATCH

Another building society has moved to close accounts summarily and return cash to investors, following the example of National Counties. As we reported earlier this month, National Counties is turning away those who have opened accounts with small amounts since the start of the year.

Now Hinckley & Rugby has written to savers in its High Rise Share account, informing them that these accounts can no longer be operated by post. If they do not wish to transfer their money into one of the society's Post Haste accounts, their High Rise accounts will be closed on May 31. The reason for the society's action is not entirely clear. It does not seem to be linked with any wish to deter speculators, the motive for the National Counties' decision to close accounts. Hinckley & Rugby denied that it was the society's wish to turn away savers who lived outside its Midlands branch area, although the letter sent to investors mentions that they "do not live within easy reach of one of the society's branches".

The notice of closure prompted several Hinckley & Rugby savers to contact *The Times*. Some pointed out that they did not have a spare £1,000, the amount required to open a Post Haste account.

At its annual meeting this week, the Halifax Building Society announced that it would be floating on the stock market next summer, following a February vote on its conversion move. Some of the assembled members had complained that they were being made to wait too long for their free shares.

Those who object to the £1.3 billion Abbey National's takeover of the National & Provincial will have their last opportunity on June 3 when the deal goes for final approval by the Building Societies Commission, the industry watchdog. The hearing is likely, however, to be a mere formality.

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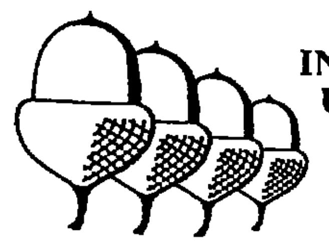

A GUIDE TO INVESTMENT & UNIT TRUSTS

PART 2

Savers leaving building societies in search of better returns are increasingly looking to income trusts. This week, we explain how to choose from the huge choice available.

"The most common mistake made by building society investors considering income funds is to use the yield as their main yardstick for choice," Peter Edwards of Premier Unit Trust Brokers in Bristol, says. "So if they see a fund advertising an 8 per cent yield, they tend to feel they are getting a better deal than one yielding 4 per cent. A high yielding trust may be appropriate for some investors but they need to know exactly what they are doing."

The main types are:

Unit Trusts

Equity Income Funds: These invest in high-yielding UK shares. At present, they are typically quoting gross yields of between 4 and 5.5 per cent. They pay out an income twice or four times a year. Their aim is to provide a rising income and historically they have also generated capital growth, so the total return growth is much higher than the yield.

Over the past year, for example, total returns on equity income funds have averaged over 11 per cent; over three years they were 38 per cent. These funds are suitable for investors who have a long-term need for income, such as those in their sixties (see "White List" below for the best).

Corporate Bond Funds: The income from these trusts, which invest in bonds issued by companies, is significantly higher than that available on equity income funds. They are currently offering yields of 7 to 8 per cent, but the scope for capital growth is limited.

Average total returns over the past three years have been 15.5 per cent. They are most attractive to people who have a real need for high immediate income. When choosing a corporate bond fund, the charges are the key. Jason Holland of financial advisers, BESt Investment, says: "The difference in performance between the best and worst bond funds is small, so differences in charges are highly significant." BESt Investment recommends the Guinness Flight Value Bond fund and Virgin's Income fund.

Investment Trusts

Conventional trusts: Many investors overlook established investment trusts as a source of income. Yet the income growth trusts (the equivalent of the equity income unit trusts) have a good record for providing year-on-year increases in dividends and capital growth. They are attractive for longer-term income investors and are currently yielding about 4.5 per cent.

Two trusts that Graham Hooper, of financial advisers Chase de Vere, feels are interesting are Dundedin Income Growth, which has recently been trading at a 9.2 per cent discount and M & G Income units, which has been on an 11 per cent discount.

Split capital trusts: Some investment trusts have special split capital structures which include very high yielding income shares. These shares have running yields of up to about 12 per cent. But investors need to look particularly carefully at what happens to the value of their capital at the end of a trust's life.

The entitlement to income and capital growth from a trust's assets are split between income shareholders and holders of capital shares. Income shareholders get a fixed repayment, which is often less than they have paid for their shares. But these shares can be attractive if held within a Pep, especially for the elderly who do not mind some erosion of capital though advice is essential before investing; as with some income shares the capital loss is greater than with others.

Roger Adams of Warburg points out that income shares in Derby Trust, currently 142p, will be redeemed at only 25p in 2003. But with a running yield of 17 per cent, and a redemption yield of 10.7 per cent, he says they are good value.

☐ The White List of best buys from Premier Unit Trust Brokers includes: Jupiter Income, Morgan Grenfell UK Equity Income, Credit Suisse Income, Perpetual Income, Perpetual High Income and M&G Dividend funds.

CHOOSING AN INCOME PORTFOLIO

NOW available are a range of portfolio services where professional managers choose and invest in a number of trusts on your behalf with the aim of maximising your income and capital growth.

■ For example, Rothschild offers a unit trust management service and an investment and unit trust service is offered by Lazards. At Rothschild the minimum investment is £6,000 for a managed income portfolio within a Pep. At Lazards, the minimum is £20,000.

■ For smaller investors, investment trust group Ivory & Sime offers an investment trust income portfolio service investing in both its own and other managers trusts starting at just £3,000.

Shopping around: Finding the pick of the crop among investments requires patience, judgment and a seasoning of good professional advice

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A corking discovery

Last year's harvest from the Bordeaux vineyards of southwest France has sparked off more interest than any since 1990, with prices rising by as much as 49 per cent over their 1994 levels. Those moneyed investors who collect fine wine, partly with the intention of reselling it for a profit when it matures, need to make a speedy decision on whether to buy.

When I visited Bordeaux last month, many proprietors said they believed that the 1995 vintage had investment potential. Olivier Bernard of Domaine de Chevalier, a grand cru classé from the Pessac-Léognan area, compares the tannin of the 1995 vintage to that of 1986 and its roundness to 1985.

In the west bank of Bordeaux, there are five properties, known as first growths, which have been recognised as superior to the rest. The first-growth Graves, Chateau Haut Brion, is now being quoted at £695 per dozen bottles, up from £545 by one dealer, Cave Cru Classé, based in London. Majestic, the chain of wine merchants, offers two others, Chateau Latour at £560 and Mouton-Rothschild at £520, per dozen bottles. The merchant's fine wine buyer, Chris Hardy, calls the Mouton-Rothschild "stunning".

However, the owner of Chateaux L'Angelus — a grand cru St Emilion — is one producer who has pre-empted the profit potential for investors by raising the price of his wine almost 50 per cent. A grand cru is the finest category of wine at an estate which has made consistently superior wine.

After the stunning 1989 and 1990 vintages, Bordeaux has made only modest and even indifferent quality wines until the 1995 vintage. This means there is a demand both from investors and quality consumers for last year's stock. A growing number of French insurance and other large quoted groups such as Pinault, the department store group, and Credit National, the financial services company, have purchased wine properties and will be looking for good returns.

If you are thinking of putting some money into wine, you should be aware of the following. Hardly anyone buys direct from the estate. You have to go through a merchant. They quote prices on two bases: either lying in Bordeaux, or under bond UK. The first includes shipping costs (about £8 per dozen bottles) and insurance, in case of damage in transit. Both prices exclude excise duty (currently £12.64 per dozen bottles), onward UK delivery (about £5) and VAT.

If you purchase your wine under bond, you can avoid excise duty and VAT. This makes the wine more attractive to overseas and diplomatic buyers when you sell it on. The wine is stored in bonded warehouses.

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A helping hand for homebuyers

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Using an Estate Agent explains the process of both buying and selling a property and advises on contracts, charges, selling rights, making an offer, repossessed properties, gazumping, deposits, valuations and legal matters.

Debt: What to do when the bills pile up provides an action plan for overcoming debt. The guide offers advice on tackling harassment from creditors, extortionate credit and what to do if creditors want to take you to court.

For copies of the booklets, write to The Office of Fair Trading, PO Box 2, Central Way, Feltham, Middlesex TW14 0TJ.

☐ Age Concern has published an updated guide to state, occupational and personal pensions. *The Pensions Handbook 1996-97 — A mid-career guide to improving retirement income* explains the changing legal framework and new rules affecting pensions. The guide is aimed at those in midlife who are keen to improve their pension arrangements. The specific issues addressed are: pension issues for women, deferred withdrawal, pension safety, changing employment, mis-selling of personal pensions and the Pensions Act. Send a cheque/PO for £5.95 to Age Concern England, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER.

☐ Allied Dunbar, the insurance and investment company, has published its *Tax Handbook* for 1996-97. It suggests how to minimise tax payments and maximise wealth and gives up-to-date information on the current tax laws. The handbook also provides extensive coverage of the implications of self-assessment, as well as VAT, corporation tax, capital gains tax, inheritance tax, income tax, stamp duty and National Insurance contributions. Copies are available from bookshops, priced £24.99.

☐ BESTInvestment's May 1996 *Tax Shelter Bulletin*, which includes a 1995-96 tax-year end review,is now available. The bulletin highlights the expansion of the market for tax-shelter investments last year, almost entirely due to the introduction of Venture Capital Trusts, which raised more than £150 million. For subscriptions, call BestInvestment on 0171 321 0100.

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GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME
Rates as at May 23, 1996

	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	5,000	AIG Life	5.05
	10,000	AIG Life	5.10
	20,000	AIG Life	5.25
	50,000	AIG Life	5.35
2 Years			
	3,000	Pinnacle Insur	5.70
	20,000	Financial Assur	5.80
	50,000	Financial Assur	5.90
3 Years			
	3,000	Pinnacle Insur	6.10
	50,000	AIG Life	6.48
4 Years			
	3,000	Pinnacle Insur	6.40
5 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.55
	3,000	Pinnacle Insur	6.75
	15,000	Abbey Life	6.80
	50,000	Abbey Life	7.00

Source: Chamberlain de Broë 0171-434 4222. Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed. Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.

SAVERS' BEST BUYS

INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNTS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Portman BS 01202 292444	Instant Acc	Instant	£100	4.80	Yly
Alliance & Leicester 0645 645660	Instant Direct	Postal	£5,000	5.40	Yly
Bristol & West BS 0800 901109	Inst Acc Post	Postal	£10,000	5.75	Yly
Northern Rock BS 0500 505000	Gt Nth Postal	Postal	£25,000	6.50	A/Yly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS & BONDS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Coventry BS 0345 665522	Postal 50	50 day p	£2,000	5.45	Yly
First National BS 0800 558844	90 Day Notice	90 day p	£10,000	6.20	Yly
Chelsea BS 0800 132351	120 Account	120 day	£25,000	6.50	Yly
Nottingham BS 0115 9564422	Fixed Rate Bond	1.6.99	£1,000	7.25	F/Yly

FIRST TESSAS (TAX FREE)	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
NatWest Bank 0800 200400		5 year	£5,000	7.45	F/Yly
Sun Banking Corp 01438 744505		5 year	£8,575	7.40	F/Yly
Birmingham Midshires 0645 720721		5 year	£1,000	7.25	Yly
Principality BS 01222 344188		5 year	£500	7.00	Yly

CREDIT CARDS BEST BUYS

CREDIT CARDS	Card type	Interest per month	APR%	Fee per annum
Robert Fleming/S&P 0800 829024	MasterCard/Visa	0.92%C	11.50%	Nil
NatWest Bank 0800 200400	Access/Visa	0.95%N	12.00%N	Nil N
Robert Fleming/S&P 0800 829024	MasterCard/Visa	1.00%	14.00%	£12

PERSONAL LOANS BEST BUYS

PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £3,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Direct Line 0141 2489966	13.90%E	£112.86	£101.33
Yorkshire Bank 0345 181920	14.60%	£117.68	£102.09
Midland 0800 180180	14.90%	£115.82	£102.49

Nb. A = All withdrawals subject to 30 day loss of interest, C = no interest free period, E = Available to comprehensive motor insurance policy holders over 22 years, F = Fixed Rate (all other rates variable), N = Introductory rate for a limited period, P = By Post only

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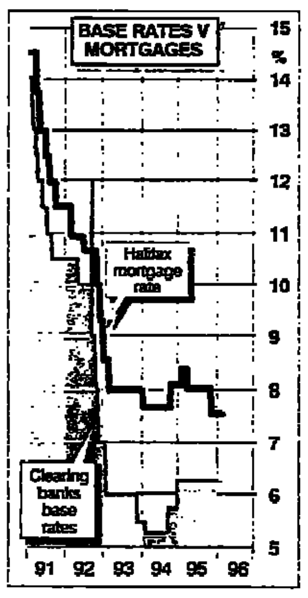

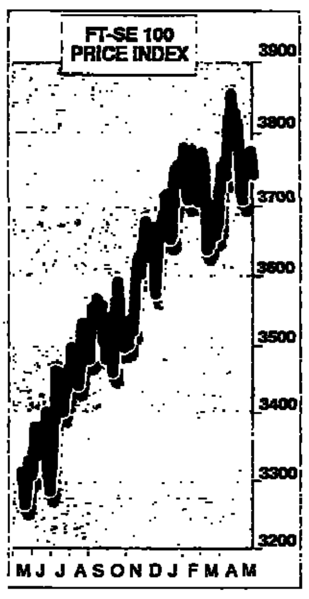

NATIONAL SAVINGS

	Gross rate	At tax rates 20%	40%	Min/maximum investmnt £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary A/c[1]	1.75	1.40	1.05	10-10,000**		0645 645000
Investment A/c*[6]	5.00	4.00	3.00	20-500**	1mth	0645 645000
Income Bond*[6]	6.25	5.00	3.75	2,000-25,000**	3mth	0645 645000
First Opt Bond[4]	6.25	5.00	3.75	1,000-20,000**		0645 645000
43rd Issue Cert†[2][3]	5.35			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Children's Bond†	6.75			25-1,000	1mth	0645 645000
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					0645 645000
Capital Bond[3][6]	6.65	5.32	3.99	100-250,000	8day	0645 645000
9th Index Linked†[3]	2.50			100-10,000	8day	0645 645000
Pensnrs Bond S3[6]	7.00	5.60	4.20	500-50,000[5]	60day	0645 645000

[1] first £70 (£140 jt) of int tax free, inst accs for up to £100 [2] Additional hldgs up to £20,000 for reinvested proceeds †Tax free *Rates gross and vble [3] Guaranteed when held for 5 years [4] 0.3% net bonus for £20,000+ [5] £100,000 jt in addition to S1 and S2 holdings [6] Taxable but cred in full. **Tiered rates apply.

PENSION ANNUITIES

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advance

SINGLE LIFE (level ann)	Male:	Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Prudential.............Level		£10,467	£11,495	£12,893
MGM Assur ....Level		£10,199	£11,271	£12,737
Canada Lfe ....Level		£10,058	£11,227	£12,810
Norwich Un ....Level		£10,261	£11,221	£12,553
Stndrd Lfe ....Level		£10,136	£11,204	£12,584

SINGLE LIFE	Female:	Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Norwich Un ....Level		£9,722	£10,458	£11,549
Prudential ....Level		£9,710	£10,443	£11,528
MGM Assur ....Level		£9,458	£10,219	£11,347
Royal Life ....Level		£9,305	£10,138	£11,364
Sun Lf of Can.......Level		£9,372	£10,103	£11,185

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Female:	Age 60 Age 55	Age 65 Age 60	Age 70 Age 65
Prudential ....Level		£9,323	£9,895	£10,708
Norwich Un ....Level		£9,301	£9,847	£10,637
MGM Assur ....Level		£9,053	£9,670	£10,518
Stalwart * ....Level		£8,926	£9,605	£10,369
Sun Lf of Can.......Level		£9,002	£9,568	£10,378

* Maximum purchase £100,000. Higher rates for smokers.
Source: Annuity Direct (0171 588 9393)

Compiled by: Lizanne Rose

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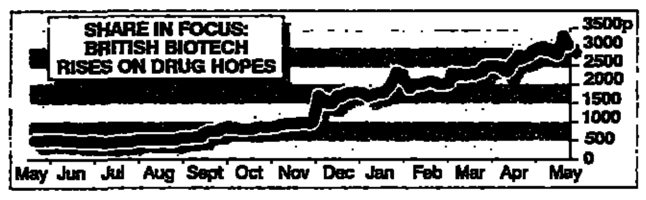
FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	100.35	9.331	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	119.39	9.726	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	133.87	9.711	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	139.07	9.617	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	133.97	9.704	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	125.46	9.640	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	116.60	10.064	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8.750%	92.61	9.449	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	124.48	9.441	100.28	50,000
Halifax	13.625%	142.70	9.548	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	139.17	9.611	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	114.40	9.389	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	134.11	9.414	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	135.71	9.284	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	134.18	9.595	100.48	1,000

FLOATING RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	Issue price	Minimum purchase
Cheshire (28/09-21/03)	8.58750%	103.63	100.00	1,000
First Nat(20/03-20/09)	8.70625%	100.63	100.00	1,000

PIBS = Permanent interest-bearing shares
Source. ABN AMRO Hoare Govett — 0171 601 0101



LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Bristol & West 0800 608088	0.70	£15k+	90	Fxd to 30.4.97
Alliance & Leicest 0116 2726269	1.50	to £150k	95	Fixed to 1.4.97
Northern Rock 0800 591 500	0.99	£100-150k	75	High Equity dis 6¼% to 1.5.97
Banks				
Nat West Home Loan 0800 400999	1.75	£15k+	90	5.50% discount for 12 months
Barclays 0800 000929	3.50	£15k+	90	3.75% discount for 12 months

LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Hinckley & Rugby 0800 774499	0.11	£1-150k	70	7.14% discount for 9 months
Scarborough 0800 590547	0.05	to £150k	70	Super Fix Rate for 12 months
Nottingham Imperial 0115 981 7220	0.49	£15k+	75	Fxd to 31.7.97
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.50%dsc-6 mth 3% dsc-6 mth
Nat West 0800 400999	1.75	£15k+	95	5.50% discount for 12 months

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Bristol & West 0800 608088	0.95	£15k+	95	6.30% disc 6 mth, 2.26% disc 6 mths
Lambeth 0171 928 1331	3.99	£15-150k	95	3.25% discount for 12 months
Newbury 01635 43676	4.49	£5-150k	95	2.50% discount for 12 months
Banks				
Bnk of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.50% disc 6 mth, 3% disc 6 months
TSB Bank Local branch	3.51	£15k+	95	3.74% discount for 12 months

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 0171 538 8800				
Balanced	531.40	562.40	- 0.10	...
UK Equity	667.70	706.60	- 3.20	...
Property	525.20	555.90	+ 0.90	...
Fixed Interest	359.10	380.00	+ 0.53	...
Money	264.60	280.10	+ 0.20	...
International	480.70	508.70	- 4.30	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Custodian S4	190.90	201	- 1.30	...
Ethical S4	159.90	168.40	+ 0.20	...
International S4	229	241.10	- 0.10	...
Protected Gth S4	122.20	128.70	+ 0.20	...
Asian Pacific	223.10	234.90	- 1.70	...
European S4	208.60	219.60	+ 0.80	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	380.40	400.50	...	...
Equity Ser 4	263.80	277.70	- 1.30	...
Man Ser 4	777	817.90	- 2.10	...
Conv Ser 4	147.30	165.60	+ 0.30	...
Money Ser 4	346.90	365.20	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	373.10	392.80	+ 0.70	...
American Ser 4	657	691.60	+ 8.90	...
High Inc Ser 4	788.50	830.10	- 3.60	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	223	234.80	+ 0.40	...
Japan Ser 4	378.60	398.60	- 7.10	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 01707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1881.80	1980.80	-10.90	...
European Fd Acc	465.00	489.50	+ 2.70	...
Fixed Int Acc	541.40	569.80	- 0.20	...
Gtd Money Acc	353.60	372.20	+ 0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	766.20	805.40	- 1.80	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	367.50	386.80	+ 0.20	...
Japan Fund	284.40	299.30	- 4.50	...
N American Acc	432.30	455	+ 6.80	...
Prop Fd Acc	461.50	485.80	+ 0.60	...
Multiple Inv Acc	1213.50	1277.30	- 2.10	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	395.90	416.80	+ 0.30	...
Equity Acc	1694.50	1783.70	- 4.00	...
Property Acc	623.80	656.70	+ 0.70	...
Far East Acc	358.10	377.00	...	...
Managed Capital	610.90	643.10	- 1.10	...
-do- Acc	1287.60	1355.40	- 2.00	...
Overseas Acc	1138.10	1198.00	- 3.30	...
Gilt Edged Acc	524.00	551.60	- 1.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	1087.50	1144.80	+17.10	...
Amer Man Acc	456.60	480.70	+ 7.00	...
Amer Prop Acc	119.30	125.60	+ 1.10	...
Distribution Bonds	24.70	26.10	- 0.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	171.90	180.90	...	...
Balnced Ser 6	835.90	879.80	+ 0.80	...
Opportunity Ser 6	195.80	206.10	- 0.20	...
Distribution Ser 6	102.60	107.90	- 0.30	7.03
UK Equities Ser 6	1167.90	1229.30	- 6.70	...
Higher Inc Ser 6	1195.00	1257.80	- 8.60	...
North Amer Ser 6	659.10	693.70	+ 6.30	...
Far East Ser 6	638.20	671.70	- 3.80	...
Europe Ser 6	474.30	499.20	+ 0.60	...
Intnl Ser 6	710.60	747.90	- 2.00	...
Property Ser 6	584.20	614.90	+ 0.70	...
Fixed Int Ser 6	476.30	501.30	- 0.20	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S6	191.80	201.80	+ 0.20	...
Gteed Dep Ser 6	315.50	332.10	+ 0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 0181 534 5544				
Equity Acc	1010.30	1063.50	- 2.50	...
-do- Initial	633.20	666.60	- 3.40	...
Gilt Edged Acc	415.10	437.00	+ 0.60	...
-do- Initial	262.40	276.30	- 0.40	...
International Acc	476.80	501.90	+ 0.70	...
-do- Initial	299.50	315.30	- 0.50	...
Managed Acc	615.00	647.40	- 0.20	...
-do- Initial	387.60	408.10	- 1.30	...
Money Acc	308.10	324.40	+ 0.20	...
Property Acc	309.50	325.80	+ 0.30	...
-do- Initial	194.30	204.60	...	...
America Acc	377.60	397.50	+ 4.50	...
Australia Acc	258.00	271.60	- 3.00	...
Financial Acc	441.30	464.60	- 5.60	...
500 Accum	539.90	568.40	+ 0.50	...
Japan Genl Acc	323.40	340.50	- 6.20	...
Income Acc	599.40	631.00	- 2.00	...
Leisure Acc	328.70	346.10	+ 3.70	...
Special Sits Acc	312.10	328.60	+ 0.40	...
Univ Tech Acc	190.50	200.60	+ 1.10	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 01634 834000				
The Managed Fd	942.21	942.21	+ 0.87	...
Income Fund	865.28	910.83	- 0.84	...
Extra Income	788.22	829.71	- 3.52	...
Worldwide Gth	581.09	611.68	+ 5.94	...
Balanced Fund	774.44	815.20	+ 1.14	...
Smllr Cos Recov	£10.33	£10.87	+ 6.15	...
N Amer & Genrl	469.75	494.48	+ 8.01	...
Pacific Basin	481.47	506.82	- 0.18	...
German Growth	254.39	267.78	+ 2.12	...
Japan Growth	203.90	214.64	- 2.96	...
The UK Gth Fd	252.26	265.54	+ 0.94	...
Contl Euro Gth	170.12	179.08	+ 1.96	...
Property Fund	416.24	438.15	+ 0.65	...
Fixed Interest	344.03	362.14	+ 0.77	...
Cash Fund	299.49	315.26	+ 0.26	...
Managed Inv	564.87	594.60	+ 0.37	...
Nth Amer Recov	365.08	384.30	+ 9.19	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	542.16	570.70	- 0.02	...
BRITANNIA 50 Bothwell St, Glasgow G2 6HR 0141 248 2000				
Measured Perf	198.00	209.50	+ 0.80	...
Performance Plus	225.10	238.20	+ 1.60	...
With Profit Perf	182.30	192.90	+ 0.20	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Opportunity	228.60	241.90	+ 0.50	...
Euro Opportunity	263.20	278.50	+ 3.10	...
North Amer Opp	231.60	245.00	+ 3.70	...
Far East Opp	227.60	240.80	- 0.60	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	166.20	174.90	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	202.40	214.10	+ 0.50	...
Fixed Int	214.90	227.40	+ 0.70	...
Cash	167.80	177.50	+ 0.20	6.49
Overseas	259.50	274.50	+ 1.90	...
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	420.90	443.10	+ 1.30	...
UK Equity	694.00	730.60	+ 0.60	...
Property	269.50	283.70	+ 0.30	...
Money Market	266.00	280.00	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	316.20	332.90	+ 1.50	...
Japan	385.80	406.20	- 5.60	...
North America	211.60	222.80	+ 3.30	...
International	411.80	433.50	+ 2.80	...
European	345.30	363.50	+ 4.20	...
Far East	164.40	173.10	+ 0.40	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 01707 51122				
Equity Growth ‡	277.80	...	...	...
Managed	394.90	415.70	+ 2.30	...
Property	249.20	262.40	...	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	258.50	272.20	+ 0.30	...
Equity	459.10	483.30	+ 5.10	...
Cash	227.10	239.10	+ 0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	452.20	476.10	+ 2.60	...
CLife Intl Fd	420.40	442.60	- 1.10	...
Managed Fund	834.40	878.30	+ 4.30	...
Property Fund	542.00	570.50	+ 0.40	...
Equity Fund	1100.30	1158.20	+ 8.30	...
Gilt Edged Fd	662.20	697.10	+ 1.30	...
Deposit Fund	351.30	369.80	...	...
Investment Fd	477.00	500.90	- 0.30	...
International	645.30	679.30	- 0.40	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 01908 606101				
Property Fund	166.20	175.00	...	...
Managed Fund	733.30	771.90	+ 1.90	...
Equity Fund	423.40	445.70	+ 0.40	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0117 9290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	337.80	355.60	- 1.80	...
Ruby	209.00	220.00	- 1.30	...
Emerald	153.70	161.80	...	...
Equity	385.40	405.70	- 2.30	...
Property	234.80	247.20	+ 0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	219.40	231.00	- 0.20	...
Indexed Secs	177.20	186.60	+ 0.10	...
Cash	199.00	209.50	+ 0.20	...
Nth American	305.10	321.20	+ 3.60	...
Far East	375.00	394.80	- 2.70	...
International	288.00	303.20	- 2.20	...
Special Sits	454.10	478.00	- 1.10	...
Intl Income	343.30	361.40	+ 0.30	...
American Inc	253.90	267.30	+ 3.80	...
European	397.30	418.30	- 4.30	...
Japanese	152.50	160.60	- 4.60	...
SE Asia	416.10	438.00	+ 2.10	...
With Profits Reg	180.50	190.10	+ 0.30	...
-do- Spec	180.50	190.10	+ 0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	399.30	420.40	- 0.50	...
Equity	481.20	506.60	- 0.70	...
Property	216.10	227.50	+ 0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	280.50	295.30	- 0.10	...
Index Linked	188.20	198.20	+ 0.10	...
Cash	271.10	285.40	+ 0.30	...
Nth American	390.90	411.50	+ 5.60	...
Far East Acc	360.20	379.20	- 3.50	...
International Acc	371.60	391.20	- 0.50	...
Special Sits	698.00	734.80	- 1.10	...
European Flex	576.70	607.10	+ 0.90	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 01634 890 000				
(Units): Key ‡	240.63	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker ‡	356.68	...	...	...
-do- Cash	213.85	225.11	+ 0.14	...
-do- Equity	632.66	665.96	- 5.67	...
-do- Fxd Int	383.01	403.17	- 0.36	...
-do- Managed	451.15	474.89	- 3.44	...
-do- Property	320.96	337.85	- 2.13	...
(Pens): Cash Cap	213.45	224.69	+ 0.07	...
-do- Cash Inv	328.97	346.30	+ 0.34	...
-do- Equity Cap	£16.50	£17.37	-10.26	...
-do- Equity Inv	£25.44	£26.78	-14.01	...
-do- Fixed Cap	413.78	435.57	- 0.69	...
-do- Fixed Inv	637.73	671.30	- 0.62	...
-do- Index Cap	204.31	215.07	- 0.10	...
-do- Index Inv	314.89	331.47	+ 0.07	...
-do- Mngd Cap	659.56	694.28	- 3.70	...
-do- Mngd Inv	£10.16	£10.70	- 4.97	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 0171 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5) ‡	875.60	...	+ 0.39	...
Var Ann (5) ‡	106.73	...	+ 0.02	...
Prime: Managed	470.20	495.00	- 0.40	...
Prime: UK Equity	579.00	609.50	- 0.50	...
Prime: Int Equity	349.60	368.10	+ 0.30	...
Prime: Property	259.00	272.70	+ 0.30	...
Prime: Fxd Int	250.70	263.90	...	...
Prime Index-Lnk	178.80	188.30	- 0.30	...
Prime: Cash	216.90	228.40	- 0.20	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 01438 744840				
Managed Fund	1294.50	1392.10	- 7.10	...
Equity II	1861.70	1959.60	-11.70	...
For Crown see Windsor				
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Montpellier Drive, Cheltenham, GL53 7LQ. 01242 221311				
Life Funds				
Unit With Pfts (5) ‡	105.70	...	- 0.20	...
Secure (2) ‡	103.70	...	+ 0.10	...
Managed (3) ‡	112.70	...	- 0.20	...
Equity Mngd (3) ‡	113.00	...	- 0.30	...
Adventurous (3) ‡	112.20	...	- 0.20	...

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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Slowness of Halifax conversion is causing hardship

From Mr Serge Lourie

Sir, At the annual general meeting of the Halifax Building Society, held this week, members questioned the board on why the proposed vote on conversion to bank status was taking so long, but to no avail.

This is admittedly a very complex transaction, but the proposed takeover of the Leeds and conversion were announced as long ago as November 1994 and the merger took place on August 1, 1995. We simply do not believe that it should take over two years and three months to prepare for a vote in February 1997 with possible conversion in the summer of 1997.

It is clear that many investors, especially in Peps, are still locked into the society and suffering financial hardship. I have heard from older investors who are reluctant to spend their savings because they wish to receive their issue of shares. The society is inflexible in its progress to the vote, and all that we are ever told is that "it is all very complicated".

We are also concerned that, in spite of considerable prodding from investors and from the Halifax Action Group, the board refuses to give any real indication of the basis of the allocation of shares between the "fixed" and "variable" distributions, leaving investors unclear on what they can expect if conversion were to be agreed.

There is a high degree of unease about the whole process, which was reflected at the AGM in members' questions. It also explains why Peter Judge and I did substantially better than last year in elections to the board, securing more than 385,000 votes between us. If the voting were by ballot, as allowed by the Building Societies Act and the rules of the society, rather than by proxy, I am confident that we would have done substantially better and had a good chance of winning.

Yours faithfully,
SERGE LOURIE,
Halifax Action Group,
50 Burlington Avenue,
Richmond, Surrey.

Sids still wanted by British Gas

From the Chairman, British Gas

Sir, There is one comment in your well-researched and well-argued article on British Gas ("Sids left cold by prospect of price curbs", Weekend Money, May 18) which needs to be clarified. Far from trying to "rid the company of Sids", the Board of British Gas is most anxious that they remain shareholders and support the company in its efforts to dissuade Ofgas from expropriating their income.

What we have said is that if our demerger goes ahead and any shareholder wants to remain in what is known currently as TransCo International rather than have an additional share certificate for what is known as British Gas Energy, which would be unlikely to pay a dividend in the short term, then we will look at ways of allowing small shareholders to sell shares in British Gas Energy at no cost.

In the meantime, any British Gas shareholders wishing to express their opinion on Ofgas's proposals during the current consultation period should write to Ofgas.

Yours truly,
RICHARD GIORDANO,
British Gas, The Adelphi,
1-11 John Adam Street, WC2.

Performance of friendly societies

From Mr S. E. Maitland

Sir, With reference to the article "Friendly societies lose some friends" (May 18) apropos the disappointing performance of friendly societies due to their high management fees, it is of interest to note that Family Assurance has just raised its charges.

At a time when managers of Peps and unit trusts are reducing their charges, this increase does seem rather inappropriate. I have been contributing to the Family Managed Performance Fund for six years and the growth rate has been just 3 per cent per annum on a bid/offer basis.

Yours faithfully,
S. E. MAITLAND,
Ham Conage, Milford Road,
Elstead, Surrey.

Sunshine all the way with Florida bank

From Mr Melville Bernstein

Sir, Is Richard Thomson ("American dream or a nightmare for customers?", Weekend Money, May 18) living in the same land that I do?

My US account is with Great Western, a very large Californian bank with an extensive branch network in eastern Florida.

Free banking if I'm in credit, no charge for ATM withdrawals from their own machines, very clear, detailed monthly statements airmailed to the UK at no charge, including returned cheques. Free phone calls to the Californian computer centre with almost-human voices giving me the alternatives (in English or Spanish) of last five cheques, last five deposits, current balance, details of a specific cheque and more.

My telephone and electric power bills are paid automatically every month; even though it's not called Direct Debit, Automatic Funds Transfer is the expression they use, but it's still automatic payment of varying amounts at fixed intervals.

Lloyds have been my UK bankers for more years than I care to remember. They don't yet offer the same service as my US bank, and certainly are smarter at charging fees than their US counterparts. Their only advantage is free cheques, but Great Western Bank's fee for cheques works out at around $5 annually for the number of cheques that I use.

Maybe it's time for Richard Thomson to change banks.

Yours sincerely,
MELVILLE BERNSTEIN,
Daryl Industries Limited,
Alfred Road,
Wallasey,
Wirral.

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The branch that puts ladies first

From Mrs Shelagh Addis

Sir, Three cheers for Lloyds Bank in England's smallest city. My late husband and I had a joint account which put my name first — Mrs S.A. and A.P.S. Addis — and all correspondence was thus addressed.

Yours faithfully,
SHELAGH ADDIS,
84 St Thomas Street,
Wells,
Somerset.

APRIL CGT ALLOWANCES

THE INDEXED RISE FOR CALCULATING THE INDEXATION ALLOWANCE ON ASSETS THAT WERE DISPOSED OF IN APRIL 1996

Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
January	-	0.847	0.757	0.673	0.585	0.526	0.477
February	-	0.839	0.750	0.660	0.580	0.520	0.472
March	0.921	0.836	0.744	0.644	0.578	0.517	0.466
April	0.883	0.811	0.721	0.610	0.562	0.499	0.442
May	0.870	0.803	0.715	0.603	0.560	0.498	0.437
June	0.864	0.799	0.711	0.599	0.560	0.498	0.432
July	0.864	0.789	0.713	0.602	0.565	0.499	0.430
August	0.863	0.781	0.697	0.598	0.560	0.495	0.414
September	0.864	0.773	0.693	0.599	0.552	0.490	0.408
October	0.855	0.767	0.683	0.596	0.550	0.483	0.394
November	0.846	0.761	0.678	0.591	0.537	0.476	0.387
December	0.849	0.756	0.679	0.589	0.532	0.477	0.383

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
January	0.375	0.277	0.172	0.125	0.107	0.080	0.045	0.016
February	0.365	0.270	0.166	0.120	0.099	0.074	0.039	0.011
March	0.359	0.257	0.161	0.116	0.095	0.071	0.035	0.007
April	0.335	0.220	0.147	0.099	0.085	0.058	0.024	
May	0.327	0.209	0.143	0.095	0.082	0.055	0.020	
June	0.322	0.204	0.138	0.095	0.082	0.055	0.019	
July	0.321	0.203	0.141	0.099	0.085	0.060	0.023	
August	0.318	0.191	0.138	0.099	0.080	0.055	0.018	
September	0.309	0.180	0.134	0.095	0.075	0.052	0.013	
October	0.299	0.171	0.130	0.091	0.076	0.051	0.019	
November	0.288	0.174	0.125	0.092	0.078	0.050	0.019	
December	0.285	0.175	0.125	0.096	0.075	0.045	0.013	

The RI month for disposals by individuals on or after April 6, 1985 (April 1, 1985 for companies) is the month in which the allowable expenditure was incurred, or March 1982 where the expenditure was incurred before that month.

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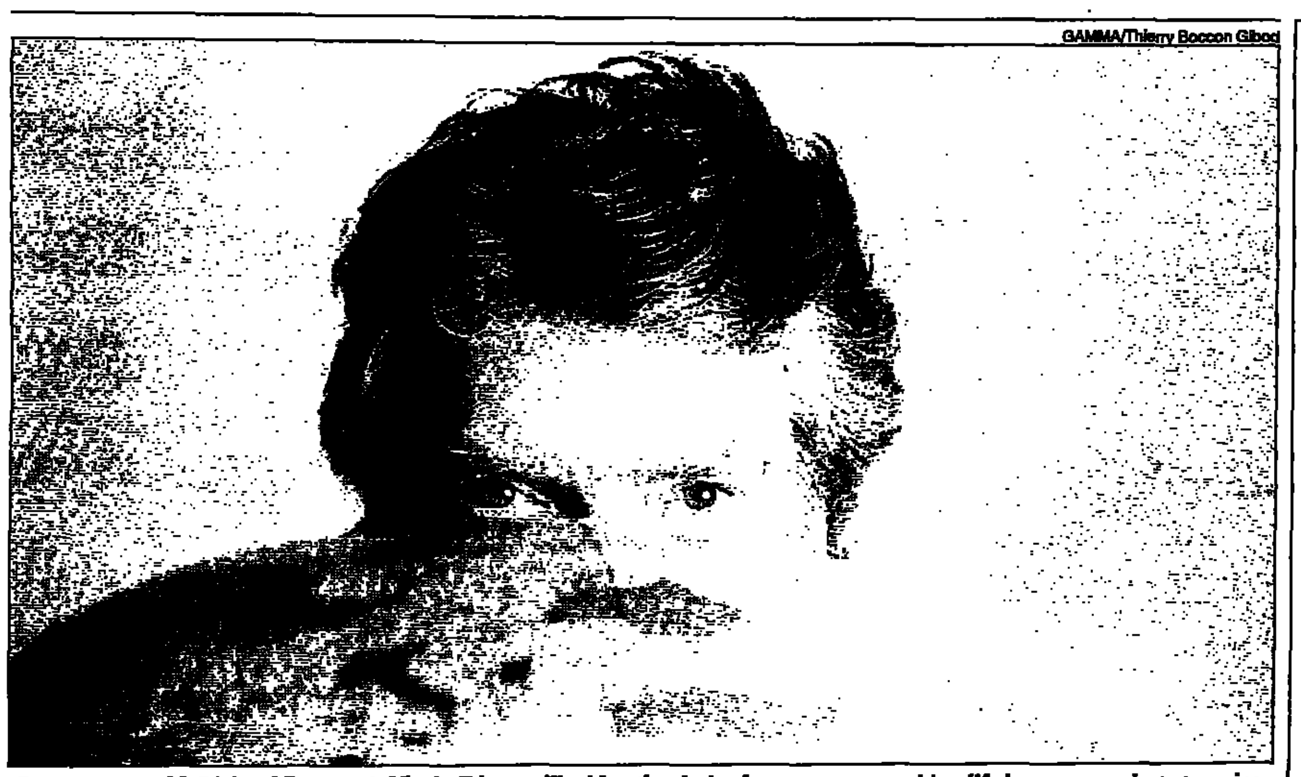

Brave new world: Richard Branson's Virgin Direct will widen the choice for consumers seeking life insurance — but at a price

Cherry-picking with Virgin

Marianne Curphey on the move by name brands into financial services

Could you in the future be buying the Marks & Spencer Pep, the Sony home insurance plan and the Sainsbury mortgage?

Further evidence that big name brands are muscling in on the personal finance sector came this week with the launch of life and critical illness insurance from Virgin Direct, the financial services arm of Richard Branson's Virgin Group.

Virgin Direct is hoping to imitate the success of its personal equity plan operation with the launch of a low-cost life insurance company.

Initially, it will sell the products to the 70,000 people who have taken out Peps with Virgin Direct, but it will follow up with a full launch on June 9.

Virgin is not the only company to think of using its well-recognised brand name to diversify into investments and financial services. Marks & Spencer offers life insurance and personal pensions; Volkswagen is looking at the possibility of selling motor insurance; Direct Line has expanded into mortgage services; and Tesco is believed to have banking ambitions.

Nic Round, an independent financial adviser, said: "Virgin will charge lower premiums, and this launch will help give consumers choice and increase quality of products and services offered by advisers.

"However, Virgin says the products will be tailored to suit individual needs. This is cherry picking and, taken to the extreme, means it will prefer to insure only those in excellent health." He also pointed out that many people could obtain life cover far more cheaply by attaching it to a personal pension and getting tax relief on the premiums paid.

Mark Bolland, of Chamberlain de Broe, said: "The problem with buying products by telephone is that you have to be absolutely clear about what you are buying and what type of insurance you want. Telephone sellers are not qualified to give callers financial advice."

Mr Bolland counsels caution when choosing these products. Do you, for example, want a policy which is renewed every ten years, or do you want one which can be converted into a whole-of-life policy to ensure that you will always be able to obtain life cover, even if you have had a serious illness?

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General Accident	£6.90
Century Life plc	£7.50
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Scottish Widows	£8.00
Zurich Life	£9.19
Norwich Union	£12.20

Male smoker aged 50 next birthday:

	per month
SA Progress	£59.80
Virgin Direct	£64.81
Crowe Life	£71.49
Lutine Assurance	£72.80
Permanent	£73.23
Clerical Medical	£102.70
General Accident	£107.70

Critical illness, £100,000, term 10 years.

Female non-smoker aged 29 next birthday:

	per month
Virgin Direct	£10.76
Legal & General	£13.67
Allied Dunbar	£16.22
Canada Life	£18.10
Zurich Life	£24.10
Swiss Life	£25.95
Royal Insurance	£27.34

Male smoker aged 50 next birthday:

	per month
Virgin Direct	£98.80
Legal & General	£148.33
Canada Life	£162.60
Swiss Life	£174.78
Zurich Life	£206.90
Allied Dunbar	£214.22
Royal Insurance	£236.38

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MOPS

Fruitless extra days cloud real purpose of one-day internationals

Lloyd's reign begins with encouraging pointers

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

Michael Atherton, the England captain, and Lloyd, the coach, pass the time by autographing souvenir bats

WHEN a four o'clock abandonment at the Oval yesterday finally released the Texaco Trophy teams into the holiday traffic for a 200-mile drive to Leeds — a treat, they were warned by the Automobile Association, they could expect to occupy seven hours — both England and India had more than one cause to feel aggrieved.

England had dictated the game and deserved to win it: given a full quota of overs, they would surely have done so. India might easily have snatched victory if, as seemed possible for much of a dreary day, their innings had been reduced to 25 overs. In the event, though, no play at all was possible and the teams had time on the journey north to fume over the futility of the charade.

The purpose of one-day cricket, which is surely to supply lively entertainment to as big an audience as possible, is lost on occasions such as this. The Oval was empty, save for a dozen stoical Asian youths, and innumerable inspections of the desolate scene by conscientious umpires focused on the possibility of making the ground playable for the 47 balls necessary to officially constitute a match.

This is where the job of the umpires is thankless and their brief a nonsense. By its nature, limited-overs cricket has an element of the artificial, compressing and compromising the natural course of a cricket match. To go to such lengths as these to identify a winner is an exercise in worthlessness — public relations for an entirely indifferent public.

At international level, except in knockout events which require a winner and loser, one-day cricket should be exactly what it claims to be. Its attraction, to the masses who support it, is the ability to produce a result on the day. When this proves impossible, interest fades to nothing and the entire point of the arrangement becomes clouded and ambiguous.

Spare days are a flawed luxury, especially within a series such as this, and they can be thoroughly inequitable when not distributed consistently — bafflingly, the second game, at Headingley today, cannot be carried over in the same way as the first and third.

An opportunity to maximise the appeal of the one-day internationals this year was missed when, once again, the idea of a three-nation tournament, involving both India and Pakistan, in mid-season was rejected. Nevertheless, the object of such cricket — an instant fix, not a prolonged indulgence — must be kept in mind and it is not best served by inflicting on all concerned the fruitless waiting of yesterday.

England certainly gained more than their opponents from this aborted game and can believe that they scored a useful psychological point. Their cricket was purposeful and, as David Lloyd, the new coach, stressed rightly, displayed considerable character. There were some encouraging performances from the new and the prodigal to set alongside an innings of supreme authority from Graeme Hick.

It is now hard to comprehend that Hick has only recently been certain of his England place. His stature in the side has risen steadily, as has the graph of his batting, and he now has the confidence and the technique to assume a level of responsibility that once intimidated him.

Alec Stewart appears to be heading in the opposite direction and his grip on an England place is increasingly tenuous. His dismissal to a sacrificial run-out was symptomatic of his edgy mental state and he will bat today under the kind of strain that can often be counterproductive.

The original England plan was to play their best XI in the first two games and this will presumably apply today, giving a second opportunity to Alistair Brown at the head of the order. His batting on Thursday was unconvincing, but conditions were difficult, the Indian seamers bowled capably and Brown was not chosen to exhibit his defensive technique.

The Indians, meanwhile, must wonder when they are ever going to see the sun shine. Until they do, their cricket will be vulnerable, their bowling relying overmuch on Srinath and Kumble and their batting on the peerless Tendulkar. England, although deprived of victory here, will proceed with optimism.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Obree looks ahead with new machine

GRAEME OBREE finally parts company today with the homemade machine on which he has won world cycling pursuit championships and broken world records over the past three years (Peter Bryan writes). This afternoon he has his first ride on a replacement machine that has been six months in the designing and making by Hotta Design, of Totnes, in Devon, at an estimated cost of £125,000.

The new Hotta is the first of four bikes intended for Obree, who starts the defence of his British 4,000 metres pursuit title tomorrow, in his build-up for the Olympic Games in Atlanta. It is thought that it could help him to break his world 4,000 metres pursuit record of 4min 20.894sec in the right conditions.

McCarron shares lead

GOLF: Scott McCarron, of the United States, earned a share of the first-round lead at the Kemper Open in Washington, holing-out with a pitching wedge from 113 yards at the par-three 17th after his tee-shot had rolled back into the lake guarding the green. His round of 66, five under par, kept him level with Billy Andrade and Jay Williamson, his compatriots.

Hendry's award

SNOOKER: Stephen Hendry was presented with the player of the year award during the annual World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) dinner at the Dorchester Hotel, London, last night. Hendry equalled the modern era record of Ray Reardon and Steve Davis by winning the Embassy world championship for the sixth time in seven years last month.

Herve in the pink

CYCLING: Pascal Herve, of France, scored a double triumph yesterday as he won the sixth stage of the Giro d'Italia and claimed the pink jersey of overall leader. He vaulted from 46th place, snatching the leadership from Silvio Martinello, of Italy, by virtue of picking up decisive time bonuses in sprints during the stage.

British eight opt out

ROWING: The Great Britain men's eight, already qualified for the Olympic Games, will not be racing at the Lucerne Regatta, the last test before Atlanta, next weekend. Three crew members have succumbed to the chest infection that kept Roger Brown out at Duisburg last week, and the training has been severely curtailed.

Moles falls foul of Reeve's lack of direction

Briers: knee trouble

By Ivo Tennant

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire have scored 138 for six wickets against Leicestershire

ANDY MOLES is not an individual blessed with abundant fortune. Less consistent cricketers have appeared for England and have not been afflicted with serious injuries, as he has been. In his first championship match since last June, he was the one batsman to cope with Leicestershire's bowling, striking eight fours in an innings of 45 before he was eroneously sent back by his captain and run out. Warwickshire's cricket lacked nous yesterday.

Thanks to the Brumbrella, which covers the square, play was under way at 4pm on a pitch tinged with green that, surprisingly, gave only scant assistance to Leicestershire's medium pace bowlers.

Few would have quibbled with Whitaker's decision on Thursday to give Warwickshire first innings. The cloud cover was heavy, and Millns and Mulally, his opening bowlers, have had much to do with Leicestershire going to the head of the table. This, incidentally, in a season in which they may have to make do without Briers, their 41-year-old former captain, whose knee injury is proving more troublesome than originally expected.

Warwickshire resumed at 60 without loss, but, in Mullally's first over yesterday, Knight went back instead of forward to a ball of full length which hit middle and off. In Parsons's second over, Ostler prodded at a ball outside off stump and edged to the wicketkeeper.

Next, Penney likewise stretched to reach one outside off stump from Millns, and succeeded only in scooping a catch to backward point. Further sloppy cricket followed. Reeve pushed Parsons to square leg, took a single, and made to come back for a second. He changed his mind as Moles was fully committed to the run and, indeed, as Maddy had picked up the ball. Moles stood no chance.

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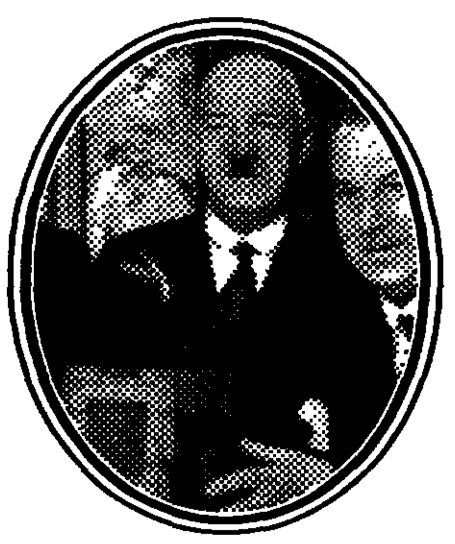

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

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Gloucestershire v Surrey

GLOUCESTER (second day of four): Gloucestershire have scored 303 for five wickets against Surrey

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright lbw b Julian	51
N J Trainor lbw b Julian	67
M A Lynch run out	0
T H C Hancock not out	93
A Symonds c Kersey b M P Bicknell	32
M W Alleyne b Julian	11
†R C Russell not out	18
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 24)	31
Total (5 wkts, 86 overs)	303

R P Davis, M C J Ball, A M Smith and *C A Walsh to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-111, 2-111, 3-145, 4-199, 5-232.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 26-5-88-1; Julian 28-6-91-3; Hollioake 8-1-25-0; Benjamin 14-4-54-0; Pearson 10-1-40-0.

SURREY: D J Bicknell, M A Butcher, J D Ratcliffe, *A J Hollioake, Nadeem Shahid, D M Ward, B P Julian, †G J Kersey, M P Bicknell, R M Pearson, J E Benjamin.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 3 Surrey 2

Umpires: H D Bird and T E Jesty.

Kent v Yorkshire

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Yorkshire have scored 320 for seven wickets against Kent

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A McGrath c Hooper b Preston	40
M P Vaughan c Hooper b McCague	24
*D Byas c Marsh b Preston	44
M G Bevan c Llong b Preston	80
C White c Hooper b McCague	13
†R J Blakey not out	56
A C Morris c Fulton b Patel	27
P J Hartley b Preston	5
A G Wharf not out	16
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 1, nb 10)	15
Total (7 wkts, 105 overs)	320

R D Stemp and C E W Silverwood to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-68, 3-196, 4-211, 5-217, 6-284, 7-295.

BOWLING: McCague 29-6-86-2; Thompson 12-4-52-0, Preston 25-5-68-4, Fleming 11-3-30-0; Patel 28-7-80-1.

KENT: D P Fulton, M V Fleming, T R Ward, C L Hooper, G R Cowdrey, N J Llong, *†S A Marsh, J B D Thompson, M J McCague, M M Patel, N W Preston.

Bonus points: Kent 3 Yorkshire 3

Umpires: R Palmer and A Clarkson.

Warwicks v Leics

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire have scored 138 for six wickets against Leicestershire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles run out	45
N V Knight b Mullally	34
D P Ostler c Nixon b Parsons	9
T L Penney c Wells b Millns	6
*D A Reeve not out	16
S M Pollock lbw b Wells	8
D R Brown c Simmons b Millns	1
†K J Piper not out	3
Extras (b 9, lb 6, w 1)	16
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	138

G Welch, A F Giles and G C Small to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-85, 3-103, 4-105, 5-120, 6-121.

BOWLING: Millns 20-6-51-2; Mullally 15-5-39-1; Parsons 14-3-25-1; Wells 5-1-8-1

LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L Maddy, B F Smith, P V Simmons, *J J Whitaker, A Habib, †P A Nixon, G J Parsons, D J Millns, A R K Pierson, A D Mullally.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 0 Leics 2.

Umpires: G I Burgess and D R Shepherd

No play yesterday

TEXACO TROPHY: The Oval: First one-day international: England 291 for 8 (50 overs; G A Hick 91), India 96 for 5 (17.1 overs: C C Lewis 4 for 40). Abandoned — no result.

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Derby: Essex 225 for 3 (N Hussain 81, D D J Robinson 74) v Derbyshire. Abergavenny: Glamorgan 148 for 5 (G P Butcher 73; P J Newport 4 for 49). Portsmouth: Hampshire 192 for 9 (S J E Brown 4 for 49) v Durham. Taunton: Northamptonshire 62 for 2 v Somerset. Horsham: Sussex 216 for 3 (A P Wells 92, C W J Athey 70 not out) v Middlesex.

OTHER MATCH: The Parks: Oxford Univ 178 for 3 (G Khan 72 not out) v Notts.

All but three games succumb to weather

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ALTHOUGH Richard Blakey completed 10,000 runs in first-class cricket at Canterbury yesterday, the fact that his unbeaten 56 against Kent was his first half-century in the championship for two seasons emphasised how much his batting has declined since he took over the wicketkeeping duties for Yorkshire, who advanced from 261 for five to 320 for seven before the rain arrived.

Blakey, who could once be relied upon for well in excess of a thousand runs a season as a specialist batsman, averaged less than 13 last season.

Yesterday he and Alex Morris took their sixth-wicket stand to 67 before Min Patel had Morris caught at silly point by David Fulton. At 295, Peter Hartley played on to give Nick Preston his fourth wicket on his home championship debut.

Alex Wharf then took a liking to Preston's bowling, taking 13 off the final over before the umpires took the players off after just an hour's play, never to return.

Play was possible in only three of the eight championship games yesterday, but Tim Hancock, the young Gloucestershire batsman, made good use of the time available at the King's School ground, Gloucester, where play did not start until 5pm.

Gloucestershire, resuming at 223 for four against Surrey, made 80 runs from the 25 overs possible, Hancock scoring 50 of them as he advanced to 93 not out.

He quickly lost Mark Alleyne, who fell to Brendon Julian, but Jack Russell kept one end secure while Hancock played some sweetly-timed drives at the expense of the seam bowlers. When Richard Pearson, the off spinner, was tried, Hancock hit him straight for six. His sixth-wicket partnership with Russell is so far worth 71, with the latter's share 18.

Hill's vision scales new peaks

By Mike Rosewell

IN 1947, Desmond Hill, then the rowing master at St Edward's School, Oxford started a regatta for school third eights on the backwaters of Godstow, above Oxford. Four schools — Radley, Shrewsbury, St Edward's and Bedford — competed: Radley beat St Edward's by 1½ lengths in the final. Radley's school magazine recorded: "Thanks to St Edward's for organising the regatta, which, it is hoped, will become an annual event in which other schools will also compete."

The Radleian could not have envisaged the progress to follow. Hill continued to run the event, by then the National Schools Regatta, until his death in 1984. Now held on the multi-lane course at Nottingham, the event draws bigger crowds than any other held at the National Water Sports Centre.

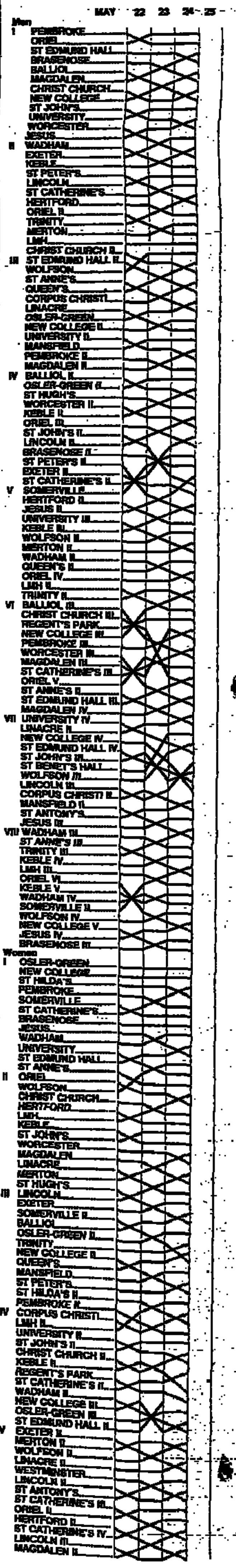
This year there are 51 events for a record total of 2,792 competitors from 119 different schools and clubs and 233 races will be held over a two-day, 22-hour, programme.

The original four schools are still there, three of them — St Edward's, Radley and Shrewsbury — in the blue riband championship eights for the Queen Mother's Cup. Eton, who won their first trophy at the regatta in 1950, are once again Queen Mother favourites, only Hampton and St Edward's having broken their run since 1989.

Many of those involved over the years have gone on to international honours, Olympians Matthew Pinsent (Eton) and Greg and Jonny Searle (Hampton) included.

OXFORD EIGHTS

ST CATHERINE'S made their third bump in the women's top division of Oxford University Summer Eights and start third today.



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Today

CRICKET

Second Texaco Trophy
one-day international
10 45, 50 overs
HEADINGLEY: England v India

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, final day of four, 96 overs minimum
HORSHAM: Sussex v Middlesex

11.0, third day of four, 104 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Essex
ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan v Worcestershire
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Surrey
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Durham
CANTERBURY: Kent v Yorkshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Northamptonshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Leicestershire

University match
11.0, final day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League
Third division play-off
Final
Darlington v Plymouth
(at Wembley, 3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League
Warrington v London Broncos (7.30)

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Final: Ellenborough v Skirlaugh (at Salford, 3.30).

NATIONAL YOUTH PLAY-OFF: Final: West Hull v Woolston (at Salford, 1.15).

NATIONAL JUNIOR PLAY-OFF: Final: Royton Tigers v Wigan St Patrick's (at Salford, 11.30)

RUGBY UNION

Challenge match
Bath v Wigan
(at Twickenham, 3.0)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Welsh Games (Cardiff)

BOXING: European welterweight championship: Patrick Charpentier (Fr, holder) v Gary Jacobs (Glasgow) (Paris).

CYCLING: *National track championships* (Manchester velodrome, 11.0 and 6.0); Tour of the Kingdom (first stage: Dunfermline to St Andrews, 63M, 10.0; second stage: St Andrews to Falkland, 36M, 3.0)

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials (Windsor Great Park).

GOLF: Volvo PGA championship (Wentworth).

HOCKEY: Women's international: England v Argentina (at Lilleshall, 11.0)

ROWING: National schools regatta (at National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham).

SPEEDWAY (7.30): Speedway Star Cup: Second round, first leg: Eastbourne v Swindon. Second round, second leg: *Bradford v Scottish Monarchs;* Coventry v Peterborough.

SWIMMING: British grand prix meeting (Sheffield).

TENNIS: World women's doubles Cup (Craiglockhart Sports Centre, Edinburgh)

Tomorrow

CRICKET

Third Texaco Trophy
one-day international
10 45, 50 overs
OLD TRAFFORD: England v India

AXA Equity & Law League
2 0 unless stated, 40 overs
DERBY: Derbyshire v Essex
EBBW VALE: Glamorgan v Worcestershire (1 0)
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Surrey
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Durham
CANTERBURY: Kent v Yorkshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Northamptonshire
HORSHAM: Sussex v Middlesex
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Leicestershire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Budleigh Salterton: Devon v Dorset. Sleaford: Lincolnshire v Bedfordshire. Jesmond: Northumberland v Hertfordshire. Bridgnorth: Shropshire v Herefordshire.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3 0 unless stated

International matches
Hong Kong Select XI v England
(at The Hong Kong Stadium, 8.45am)

United States v Scotland
(at Willowbrook, New Britain, 5.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division play-off
Final
Bradford v Notts County
(at Wembley)

MICK McCARTHY TESTIMONIAL MATCH: Ireland v Celtic (at Lansdowne Road, Dublin)

OTHER MATCH: Leyton Orient v Wales XI (noon)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3 0 unless stated

Stones Super League
Oldham Bears v Workington (5 30)
First division
Batley v Widnes (5 30)
Featherstone v Huddersfield (6.0)
Hull v Rochdale (3 15)
Wakefield v Keighley (3 30)
Second division
Carlisle v Hull KR
Leigh v Doncaster
Prescot v Swinton
South Wales v Hunslet (6.0)

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League: *Scottish Claymores v Frankfurt* (at Murrayfield, Edinburgh, 3 0).

CYCLING: National *track championships* (Manchester Velodrome 10 0 and 6 0). Tour of the Kingdom (Leven-Tayside-Leven, 93M, 10 0)

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse Trials (Windsor Great Park)

GOLF: Volvo PGA championship (Wentworth).

HOCKEY: *Men's international:* Great Britain v Germany (Milton Keynes, 1.15).

MOTOR RACING: Formula Three championship (Brands Hatch)

ROWING: National schools regatta (at National water sports centre, Nottingham)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Scottish Monarchs v Exeter (at Glasgow, 6 30). Conference League: Mildenhall v Reading (3 30); Sheffield v Arena Essex (3 0); *Sittingbourne v Peterborough* (2 0); Swindon v Linlithgow (6.0)

SWIMMING: British grand prix meeting (Sheffield)

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Wigan spring cross-code surprises

West called out of retirement to tackle Bath

By David Hands, *Rugby Correspondent*

THERE is a dreadful irony in the fact that, while English rugby union's leaders were wrestling yesterday for control of their game in central London, out in the suburbs Wigan's rugby league team was preparing to storm Twickenham once more in the second of their cross-code meetings with Bath.

The barbarians, traditionalists would have said less than a year ago, are at the gates and nobody is at home. The trouble is, rugby union does not know now who the barbarians are and whether there are not more of them within their own ranks or among the entrepreneurs slowly circling the game looking for signs of weakness.

This month rugby union has offered its rival code an unparalleled stage on which to display its wares, and rugby league, hardly surprisingly, has taken full advantage. Wigan beat Bath in the 13-a-side game at Maine Road, easing down to an 82-6 win, and turned up at Twickenham three days later to carry off the silverware from the Middlesex Sevens.

Today at Twickenham, before an expected crowd of 40,000, Bath will seek revenge in the Save & Prosper challenge match within the more structured confines of their own game, the code that they have dominated for more than a decade. Wigan, deprived of Shaun Edwards, their injured captain, have called up not only Joe Lydon from semi-retirement to play stand-off half but also Graeme West, their coach.

West, 42, from Taranaki, New Zealand, was brought up in rugby union and, indeed, Alf West, his great uncle, was a member of the 1924 "Invincibles" who toured Great Britain. However, his last senior game of rugby league was five years ago, since when his activities have been confined to Wigan reserves and Wigan Rugby Union Club's veterans, for whom he played against Old Aldwinians a fortnight ago.

He will partner Andy Farrell, the new England captain, in the second row. "If we hold our own, we have a chance," West said, and their back row, all of whom have played international rugby union, may give them some possession in the loose wherein their best prospects lie.

Yet far more significance will be attached to the encounter than either club would wish because, for some reason, there will be a perception that the winning team has the better game. That is like saying that, because you have a preference for bananas over oranges, that they are the better fruit.

TEAMS

BATH: J Callard; A Lumsden, A Adebayo, P de Glanville, J Sleightholme; M Catt, I Sanders, K Yates, G Dawe, V Ubogu, E Pearce, M Haag, N Redman, A Robinson, S Ojomoh.

WIGAN: K Radlinski, J Robinson, H Paul, G Connolly, M Offiah, J Lydon, C Murdock, N Cowie, M Hall, T O'Connor, V Tuigamala, G West, A Farrell, S Tutupu, S Quinnell

Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire)

Both rugby codes have their own adherents through an accident of birth, upbringing or simple preference. League is far more comprehensible, played at greater pace with far more movement; yet union, the more ponderous code, has achieved far greater global appeal with its differing rhythms and moods and could yet confirm its primacy if more teams adopt the approach seen in the southern hemisphere's Super 12 tournament or, dare one say, Bath.

West admits that the two may come together to form one single, worldwide rugby sport. "If sides in rugby union become full-time professionals and take up proper fitness training, they will improve out of sight over the next two years," he said, "but they have to improve their rules to make the game more continuous."

West: late inclusion

The psychological arguments began well in advance of the game today. Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League's chief executive, suggested in the wake of Wigan's win in the Middlesex event that, if the game today was "played through the set pieces, through the rucks and mauls, then the spectators must be given their money back. It will be boring and crude."

Therein lies the problem for a Bath side missing three players with the Scotland touring party in New Zealand. Theirs is not a set-piece game, yet it is an undeniable part of their code. To activate the scrum as an attacking weapon, however, could create physical danger for opponents who, for all that they have been advised by such rugby union experts as Nigel Horton, Sammy Southern and David Young, will not be accustomed to the pressure generated. Nobody will be more aware of that than Brian Campsall, the referee, who will insist upon Bath's front row keeping up the scrum.

"We have a responsibility there to make sure everything is OK," Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, said. "The same is true of the rucks. What we do technically must be correct so that nothing untoward happens, but we have to go out and play our game, the sort Bath have tried to play all season. We have no intention of playing ten-man rugby.

"If we are not good enough to play against Wigan and beat them the way we normally play, that's when rugby union should stand up and take a close look at itself."

☐ Tony Lanaway has been appointed first-team coach of Moseley, the Courage Clubs Championship second division side. Lanaway, the England Students coach, takes over from Derek Nutt, who has stepped down.

Hall, centre, discusses tactics for Twickenham with Cowie, left, and Kelvin Skerrett, his Wigan club-mates

Hall gets to grips with new role

Christopher Irvine joins professionals preparing to play an unfamiliar game

The old joke about the pack coming up against a scrummaging machine and the machine winning never applied more than in Wigan's case. The last cauliflower ear in rugby league sprouted around the turn of the century and, since then, competitive life in league scrums has drained to the point where, other than as a pause for players to catch their breath amid the perpetual motion of the modern game, they are just a means of restarting play. Wigan, in preparing for the rugby union challenge against Bath today, have had to learn long-forgotten skills essentially from scratch.

The league hooker and his union counterpart occupy entirely different worlds. In league, as the scrum feed has grown crooked, hooking the ball has become a lost art, one that Martin Hall has been attempting this week to rediscover. Hall is Wigan's main distributor at acting half back, a player who supports the half-break, or bursts down the ruck area. Today he tangles with the redoubtable hooking leg of Graham Dawe and will be throwing to the lineout — a league museum piece, rejected soon after the breakaway in 1895.

Not that the technicalities end there. "You get a headache taking it all in," Hall said. "In the scrums, there's the pushing and trying to go in the right direction and we didn't appreciate just how low you must get. Rucks and mauls are foreign territory. So are the penalties, without swallowing the rule book — and that doesn't mention raking and stamping."

Hall shares the safety concerns expressed for himself and Neil Cowie and Terry O'Connor in the front row. Bath have been instructed to keep the scrum up and legal. As was the case with Bath in the league game, Brian Campsall, the referee, has instructed Wigan, to pre-empt problems. He will warn of offside situations before penalising Wigan and intervene only if they are being destructive and preventing Bath from recycling possession.

In league, the tackle is taken, the player gets up and plays the ball. Grappling for half a minute or more, ball-winning off the floor, recycling possession after the tackle and attacking rucks are alien to all but the back row of Scott Quinnell, Shem Tatupu and Va'aiga Tuigamala, an interloper from the backs.

Containment of Bath's pack is not seen as viable. Two-man lineouts are Wigan's best option and Hall at least has height in Andrew Farrell, another union novice, and Graeme West, 42, the team's coach and an occasional with Wigan veterans XV, to aim at.

Hall, who has no wish to be buried underneath a ruck, said: "Bath are a formidable outfit. We're very conscious of what they can do to us in the forwards. Saying that, we're professional, our aim is to do well and our best chance lies with the backs, provided we get hands on the ball."

As the new laws will operate, under which the back row must bind on the scrum until the ball emerges, there will be no Bath forwards to crowd the Wigan midfield.

Joe Lydon, another member of the Wigan backroom staff brought out of retirement for the occasion, is at stand-off half, principally for his touch-finding, but he has attacking enough wizardry outside him to embarrass Bath.

With possession, no matter the code, Jason Robinson, Henry Paul, Martin Offiah and Gary Connolly can turn any daylight that Bath might allow Wigan into the dazzling exhibitionism that carried off the Middlesex sevens trophy a fortnight ago. Wigan's forwards have learnt as much as they can, as fast as they can, to ensure that they do.

Controlling interest reaps large dividend for Funnell

By Jenny MacArthur

PIPPA FUNNELL outclassed her opponents at the Windsor International Horse Trials yesterday with an outstanding test on Marshland Rubio, giving her a seven-point lead at the end of the rain-soaked dressage phase.

Funnell, 27, who won the event last year on Designer Tramp, is also in third place on Rainbow Magic. Avril Johnston, on Independent Archie, the overnight leader, dropped to second place as the competition moved towards the speed and endurance phase today.

On a day of lacklustre tests, Funnell's performance on Marshland Rubio appeared in a different league. Worries that the young horse — a natural show-off — might "overdo it" proved groundless. Compliant throughout, he showed off his natural paces to earn high marks from all three judges.

Funnell, the 1992 national champion, will not be easy to dislodge today. Marshland Rubio was fourteenth at Blair last year and has been placed on each of his five outings this spring, including wins at Tidworth and Dynes Hall. Although neither of her horses has been tested on wet, slippery ground before, Funnell intends to take them both on the quick routes over the 26-fence course today.

Johnston, competing in only her second three-day event, is more cautious. "I'll just wait and see how she's going," she said. Independent Archie won the 1994 novice championships, but the course today — which is more demanding than last year — will be his biggest test to date.

Funnell: strong position

Should either of the leaders make a mistake, Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, lying fourth on Highly Rated, will hope to take advantage. Nicholson, who has three horses qualified for the Olympic Games, is one of the most stylish cross-country riders.

Matt Ryan, the Olympic champion from Australia, has some catching up to do today after a difficult test on Gay Faer that left him in 45th place. "She's got a tremendous jump but can't cope mentally with the dressage," Ryan said of the ten-year-old mare.

Florian Iseli, a Swiss general practitioner who lives near Lake Constance and keeps his horse in Ireland, is also likely to improve on his seventeenth place with Marid MacCarido today.

Giles back to test Germany's defences

By Sydney Friskin

THE international hockey match at Milton Keynes between Great Britain and Germany tomorrow will serve as the final trial before the Britain squad for the Olympic Games in Atlanta is announced early next week.

The return of Calum Giles, Britain's short corner specialist, after a brief rest should remind Germany of the two goals that he scored against them in Dublin last August, when England won 3-2 on the first day of the European Nations' Cup, which Germany eventually won.

With Hazlitt back at left half after recovering from a hamstring injury, there should be more stability in the Britain defence. Laslett, the captain, is still on the injured list, giving Lee his chance to prove his worth in attack.

Germany have not sent their strongest side, with several leading players committed to the A division of the European club championship at Uhlenhorst, but they still have plenty of skill and experience. Against Holland last weekend, Germany drew 2-2 at Aachen and won 3-2 at Düsseldorf.

Teddington opened their account in the B division of the men's club championship in Prague yesterday with a 4-0 win over Espoo, of Finland. It was an encouraging start that Slough, the women's champions, must have been envious of before their European campaign got under in Russelsheim, Germany last night.

The odds have not been stacked in Slough's favour, with Karen Brown and Anna Bennett, the Great Britain internationals, unavailable for the first game, against Siauliai, of Lithuania, because of injury. Glasgow Western, whose experienced side recently completed an eighth Scottish league and cup double, have an excellent chance of winning a medal.

Buoyant Broncos leave Paris trailing in their wake

By Christopher Irvine

A TALE of two cities presents a picture of contrasting fortunes between a generally-prosperous London Broncos and a now down-at-heel Paris Saint-Germain side, approaching the ninth round of the rugby league Stones Super League.

The only danger for London is that they might forget where home is. In April they beat Paris and Workington at Charlton, in south London. Away from The Valley since then, the Broncos have blossomed in winning at Leeds and Castleford; and they narrowly lost out to St Helens, the league leaders.

Tonight, London's travels take them to Warrington, another of a clutch of teams with five wins from eight, placed below St Helens and Wigan. As to the raw deal handed them by the fixture list, the Broncos are happy to be piling up points against their most difficult matches.

Gavin Allen, the prop forward, who is hopeful of a return from a broken arm suffered last month, said: "We've set ourselves a goal of winning more away matches than we lose. If we can do that, we should be well on the way to a top-four spot.

"We're starting to come together really well. There's a lot of strength here. The forwards have been in sensational form, the backs have tightened up their defence and the opposition are not running through us as they were last season."

Greg Barwick, whose dropped goal won the game at Castleford last Sunday, is the find of the season for the Broncos. A full back, he was signed in the close season from Sydney Tigers and his versatility, at goalkicking, in defence or priming the attack, has been influential in the three victories in their past four matches.

Lee Penny, whose dismissal for a high tackle on Alan Hunte was decisive in Warrington's one-point defeat by St Helens last week, is to appeal against a four-match ban. Chris Rudd switches from loose forward to full back for Warrington, who have an unbeaten home record against the London team.

With the Super League programme stretched across the holiday weekend, Paris have until Monday to recover from the competing demands of the French domestic season — and a run of four successive Super League beatings — for the visit of Halifax Blue Sox, two places below them, in the bottom four.

Raids by union clubs that have already tempted back Greg Kacala, who was apparently threatened with a life ban if he stayed with Paris, could also see the departure of Darren Adams, another forward, in spite of his selection this week in France's squad for the opening European championship visit of Wales to Carcassonne, on June 5.

Tas Baitieri, the Paris manager, said: "The French Rugby Union Federation has obviously seen the success we've had, with over 45,000 spectators for four home matches, and they seem to be thinking that if they don't stop us now we might start to take over."

The meeting between St Helens and Castleford has been put back to Monday night, so the meeting between Oldham and Workington, in which both sides have numerous injury doubts, is the one Super League fixture tomorrow.

In the climax to the season in the amateur game today, which is sticking with winter schedules, Skirlaugh and Ellenborough, the respective Yorkshire and Cumbria Cup-holders, meet in the BNFL National Cup final at Salford.

FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): North Melbourne 25.20 (170) bt Fitzroy 9.11 (65).

BADMINTON

HONG KONG: Thomas Cup, semi-finals: Denmark 3 China 2 (Danish names first): P-E Hover-Larsen bt Dong Jiong 6-15, 18-17, 15-11, T Stuer-Lauridsen lost to Sun Jun 5-15, 8-15; P Rasmussen bt Lin Liwen 15-12, 15-3; J Holst-Christensen and J Laugesen lost to Jiang Xin and Huang Zhanzhong 12-15, 7-15; H Svarrer and M Sogaard bt Ge Cheng and Tao Xiaoqiang 15-8, 17-15

Indonesia 3 South Korea 2 (Indonesian names first): J Suprianto bt Park Sung-Woo 18-17, 15-1, A Budi Kusuma bt Lee Kwang-Jin 15-6, 15-9; A Wiranata lost to A Jae-Chang 8-15, 3-15; R Subagdja and R Mainaky bt H Tae-kwon and K Kyung-Jin 15-10, 15-7; Antonius and D Kantono lost to Park Joo-Bong and K Dong-Moon 0-15, 5-15.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York 4 Oakland 3, Boston 11 Seattle 4; Cleveland 5 Milwaukee 1; Toronto 5 Minnesota 4; Kansas City 4 Texas 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego 7 Philadelphia 5; Cincinnati 7 Colorado 5

BOWLS

EWBA DOUBLE RINK CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: Yorkshire bt Northumberland 44-34. Derbyshire bt Lincolnshire 52-46: Nottinghamshire bt Lancashire 64-28; Durham bt Cumbria 38-34: Bedfordshire bt Warwickshire 37-36; Huntingdonshire bt Northamptonshire 50-33, Oxfordshire bt Leicestershire 45-30; Norfolk bt Suffolk 50-35; Somerset bt Hampshire 51-33, Worcestershire bt Cornwall 43-30; Devon bt Herefordshire 44-30; Dorset bt Gloucestershire 32-31; Kent bt Buckinghamshire 45-20, Middlesex bt Sussex 37-34, Essex bt Berkshire 41-32. Surrey bt Hertfordshire 42-30.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Civil Service 123. London Scottish 109.

COUNTY MATCHES: Kent 140 Devon 95; Oxfordshire 105 Bedfordshire 95.

FOOTBALL

TOULON UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT: Group A (Nimes): Argentina 0 Holland 0; France 1 Colombia 0.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Reading 2 Netherne 3.

CRICKET

BAIN HOGG TROPHY: Belper: Lancashire 124 all out (T M Smith 6-32). Derbyshire 71-3 Derbyshire win on faster scoring rate. Uxbridge: Northamptonshire 271-7 (A J Swann 77, J N Snape 79). Middlesex 119-5 (J N Snape 5-40). Middlesex win on faster scoring rate. Southampton: Glamorgan 204-3 (A W Evans 105 not out) Hampshire 20-0. Match abandoned. Walsall: Leicestershire 153-5 v Minor Counties. Match abandoned. Minor Counties v Warwickshire. Match abandoned.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Fifth stage (179km Crotone to Catanzaro): 1, P Herve (Fr) 4hr 29min 45sec, 2, R Petito (It) at 4sec; 3, F Casagrande (It) at 12 sec; 4, D Rebellin (It): 5, L Piepoli (It), 6, E Berzin (Russ) all same time Overall: 1, Herve 28hr 40min 37sec; 2, F Gudi (It) at 6sec; 3, Petito at 8sec; 4, F Bontempi (It) at 17sec 5, Casagrande at 20 sec; 6, M Vergnani (It) at 24sec

MIDI LIBRE: Fourth stage (155km): 1, C Vasseur (Fr) 3hr 47min 27sec; 2, R Menegotto (It) same time: 3, A Tchmil (Russ) at 6sec: 4, M Van Heeswijk (Holl). 5, F Simon (Fr): 6, P Chanteur (Fra) all same time British placings: 37. C Boardman 48, S Yates. 71, M Sciandri at 2min 41sec. Overall: 1, L Jalabert (Fr) 17-5 38s. 2, R Virenque (Fr) at 11sec; 3, Y Surkov (Russ) at 14sec: 4, L Brochard (Fr) at 16sec; 5, P Chanteur (Fr) at 18sec, 6, P Joncker (Aus). Others: 8, Boardman same time, 52, Yates at 3.16; 75, Sciandri at 23.54

EQUESTRIANISM

WINDSOR GREAT PARK: Windsor International three-day event. Leading positions after the dressage section (GB unless stated): 1, Marshland Rubio (P Funnell) 41 0pts: 2, Independant Archie (A Johnston) 48 0; 3 Rainbow Magic (P Funnell) 48.8; 4. Highly Rated (A Nicholson, NZ) 49.2

GOLF

SEVENOAKS: Club senior professional championship: Leading final scores: 213: T Horton (Royal Jersey) 71, 69, 73 (won at third extra hole of play-off): B Waites (Notts) 72, 72, 69 216: H Flatman (Romford) 69, 72, 75. J Rhodes (South Staffs) 69, 76, 71 218: T Britz (Broome Park) 70, 76, 72; J Hudson (Benton Hall) 70, 75, 73; T Squires (Boston) 72, 70, 76. 219: B Hunt (Foxhills) 72, 75, 72. 220: M Ingham (Cleckheaton and District) 76, 77, 67; P Lennard (Dunmurry) 70, 75, 75 222: L Platts (retired) 75, 74, 73

ROYAL DORNOCH: Scottish women's amateur championship: First round: A Rose (Stirling) bt F Lockhart (Balbirnie Park) 4 and 2, C Hargan (Dundee University) bt L Roxburgh (Royal Dornoch) 4 and 3; L Nicholson (Heriot Watt University) bt T Stoddart (Cawder) at 21st; F McKay (Elgin) bt V Melvin (Clydebank and District) at 19th; J Ford (Gullane Ladies') bt A Ryan (Tain) 1 hole; L Morton (Tulliallan) bt K Fitzgerald (Turnberry) at 21st; J Balloch (Hockley) bt F Farquharson (King James VI) 1 hole; H Monaghan (Heriot Watt University) bt L McPherson (Deeside) 8 and 6; H Stirling (Dunblane New) bt V Laing (Musselburgh) 6 and 5; A Laing (Vale of Leven) bt S Alexander (Elgin) 5 and 4; A Gemmill (Kilmarnock Barassie) bt K Milne (Kirkcaldy) 5 and 4; D Jackson (Cochrane Castle) bt E Vass (Tain) 5 and 4; S McMaster (Dunbar) bt L Vass (Tain) 2 and 1; C Divers (Douglas Park) bt L MacKay (Golspie) 3 and 2: F Anderson (Blairgowrie) bt C Hunter (Deeside) 1 hole; C Macdonald (Dunfermline) bt L Moffat (West Kilbride) 5 and 4.

Second round: Rose bt Hargan 3 and 2; Nicholson bt McKay 3 and 1; Morton bt Ford 4 and 3; Monaghan bt Balloch 5 and 4. Laing bt Stirling at 21st; Jackson bt Gemmill 3 and 2; McMaster bt Divers 5 and 3; Anderson bt Macdonald 5 and 4.

CORNING: New York: LPGA Corning Classic. Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 66: A Benz. 67: V Skinner, L Neumann (Swe), R Jones 68: B Mucha, C Johnston-Forbes, C Johnson, D Dormann, E Crosby, D Ammaccapane, S Veasey, V Goetze, L Brower. Other European: 68: S Croce (It) 70: P Wright (GB), S Meynor (GB), A Nicholas (GB). 72: S Strudwick (GB) 73: T Johnson (GB), C Nilsmark (Swe), C Matthew (GB). K Marshall (GB).

POTOMAC: Maryland: Kemper Open: Leading first round scores (US unless stated): 66: B Andrade, S McCarron, J Williamson. 67: B Fabel. B Glider, M Sullivan, B Faxon, M O'Meara, C Smith. 68: L Mize, R Gamez, G Kraft, L Clements, O Browne 69: S Gump, C Parry (Aus), J Delsing, J Daly, P Goydos, S Hoch, S Dunlap, H Sasaki (Japan), B Bryant. C Rymer, S Stricker. Others: 70: N Ozaki (Japan). 71: F Allem (SA), S Rintoul (Aus).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Western Conference final: Detroit 6 Colorado 4 (Colorado lead best-of-seven series 2-1)

RUGBY LEAGUE

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: Manly 24 Canterbury 4: Western Reds 14 Brisbane Broncos 22.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: RAF spring meeting: Winners: Nobel Trophy (inter-station rifle): Uxbridge 775pts. Inter-station pistol: Cottesmore 1,634 Pentland Bowl (RAF women's smallbore rifle): Cpl S McGregor (Brampton) 786 Turner Cup (women's pistol): Cpl J Rabjohns (Wittering) 712. Danby Cup (slow-fire pistol): B Yard (RAF Retd) 539 Halton Cup (sport pistol): Yard 561 Willott Cup (standard pistol): Yard 531 UIT aggregate: Cpl Ford 1,115.

SPEEDWAY

SPEEDWAY STAR CUP: First round, second leg: Middlesbrough 50 Hull 45 (Hull win 101-90 on agg) Second round, second leg: Ipswich 53 Wolverhampton 43 (Wolverhampton win 99-92 on agg); London 54 Reading 42 (London win 110-82 on agg).

TENNIS

EDINBURGH: Women's World Doubles Cup: Quarter-final: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt E Makarova (Russ) and E Maniokova (Russ) 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

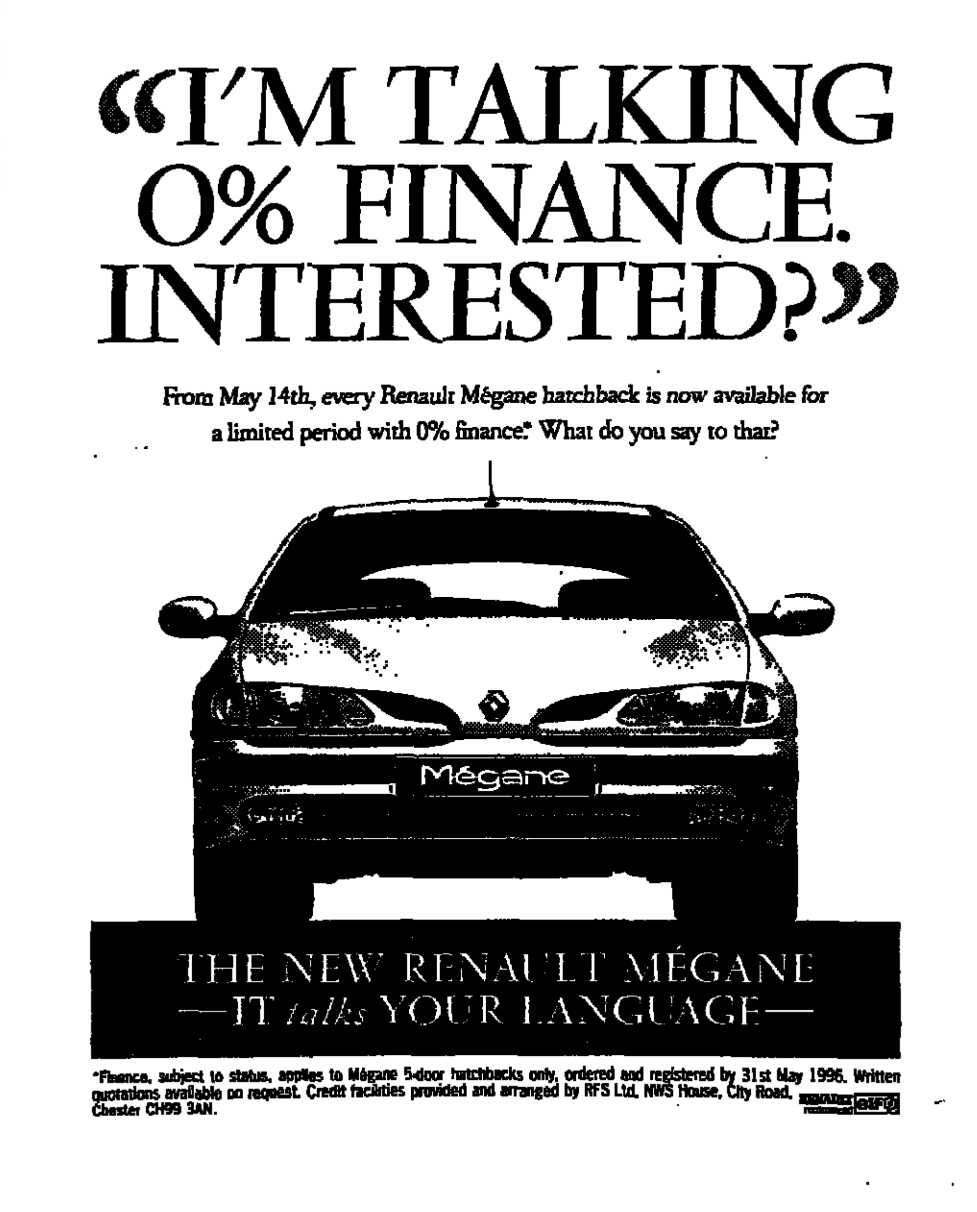
DÜSSELDORF: ATP World Team Cup: Blue group: Czech Republic 2 Russia 1 (Czech Republic names first: P Korda bt A Volkov 7-5, 6-2: B Ulihrach lost to Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-4, 6-0; Korda and D Vacek bt Kafelnikov and Volkov 6-3, 6-4); United States 2 Holland 1 (United States names first: R Reneberg bt P Haarhuis 7-6, 6-1; T Martin bt R Krajicek 6-4, 7-6; Reneberg and J Stark lost to Haarhuis and J Siemerink 6-3, 7-5) Red group: Sweden bt Germany 3-0 (Swedish names first): T Enqvist bt D Prinosil 7-6, 6-2, M Larsson bt Carl-Uwe Steeb 6-1, 6-1; J Bjoerkman and P Nyborg bt Prinosil and P Kuehnen 5-7, 6-3, 6-3. Switzerland bt Spain 2-1 (Swiss names first): J Hlasek bt A Costa 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; M Rosset bt S Bruguera 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. Hlasek and L Manta lost to F Roig and T Carbonell 6-3, 3-6, 1-6

MADRID: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: M Maleeva (Bul) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 6-4, 7-5; J Novotna (Czech) w/o M Seles (US)

DAVIS CUP: Euro/African zone: Pool A: Ethiopia 2 Iceland 1; Senegal 3 Sudan 0: Lithuania 3 San Marino 0.

ST POLTEN, Austria: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: F Mantilla (Sp) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2: M Rios (Chile) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 7-6, 6-3.

STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: K Studenikova (Slovakia) bt A Miller (US) 6-0, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt A Huber (Ger) 7-6, 6-1. Semi-finals: B Paulus (Austria) bt Studenikova 6-3, 6-3; L Davenport (US) bt Wiesner 6-2, 6-3



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Home Secretary decides against transfer of pool betting organisation

Tote chairman's job to be advertised

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE Home Office has decided to advertise for applicants to succeed Lord Wyatt of Weeford, who retires as the £97,000-a-year chairman of the Tote next April after 21 years in the job.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has concluded that transferring the pool betting organisation direct to racing is impractical and could be in breach of European Union legislation or domestic monopolies and mergers rules.

Instead he is expected to announce early next month that the Tote chairmanship is to be advertised — and thereby ensure the way the appointment is made is above any criticism in the light of the Nolan committee report into standards in public life.

Until now the Tote chairmanship has been in the gift of the Home Secretary, subject to approval from Downing Street. This has prompted allegations in recent years that the continual reappointment of Lord Wyatt, aged 77, amounted to a political thank you for his enthusiastic support of the Government.

The Home Office will draw up a shortlist from an expected large number of applicants before consulting over who should get the job. Both the betting industry and the British Horseracing Board (BHB) are likely to be asked for their views on the appointment.

One of the BHB's principal objectives when it was established three years ago was to secure responsibility for the Tote and in February 1995 Howard promised a consultation document would be published within six months on the various options for the Tote, including a possible transfer to racing.

However, the complex issues involved have prompted a rethink. In particular, it was feared the exclusivity of the Tote's pool betting licence could be at risk if such a transfer was made — and that would be disastrous for the Tote and racing's finances.

The BHB has since subtly shifted its position and will be content, provided the right people are brought in to run the Tote. It is not clear whether the Home Office believes the chairmanship should continue to be a part-time job or extended to full-time, but it is accepted whoever becomes chairman will bring in a new management team.

Rumours are already circulating as to who may succeed Lord Wyatt. Three names are to the fore. Christopher Sporborg, a Jockey Club member who has served on the Levy Board, is already a Tote Board member and is due to replace Lord Hartington as a Jockey Club appointee on the BHB next month. Another is Peter Jones, who is on both the BHB and Tote board. The third name being canvassed is Peter Sherlock, the former managing director of Corals.

The Tote is one of racing's biggest sponsors and it is backing the £30,000-added Tote Credit Silver Bowl (3.00) at Haydock today. Winter Romance and Double Bluff will have their supporters after promising seasonal reappearances but no maiden has won the race since 1977.

Polar Prince ran pleasingly behind behind Therhea on soft ground at Newbury before putting in an even better performance when third in a competitive Newmarket handicap 20 days ago. Michael Jarvis's runner reappears off the same rating and can oblige.

Lord High Admiral has won the last two runnings of the Be Friendly Handicap (2.00) and is off a lower handicap mark today but, in a typically trappy sprint handicap, preference is for **Tuscan Dawn**, who can follow up his recent all-the-way Thirsk success.

Dashing Blue did particularly well to win from a low draw at Sandown and should appreciate the return to six furlongs in the listed Sandy Lane Handicap (2.30), where the progressive Farhana is the main danger.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SORBIE TOWER
(4.05 Kempton Park)
Next best: E Sharp
(3.30 Haydock Park)

Lord Wyatt steps down next April after 21 years as chairman of the Tote

Sorbie Tower can vindicate lofty ambitions

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK PARK
BBC1 — see left

KEMPTON PARK
CHANNEL 4

3.05: Gary Moore's mud-loving filly **Rocky Forum** could be called the winner a long way out at Newbury on Sunday. Raised 7lb for that comfortable four-length success, she can follow up. Barford Sovereign, twice a winner over hurdles, is a maiden on the Flat but is well treated on the balance of her form last term, as is Paradise Navy who was tenderly handled on his reappearance at Sandown.

3.35: Romios has shown little so far this season but would have every chance if repeating the form which saw him finish second in a good Ascot handicap off a pound higher mark last autumn.

Menas Gold, Kings Assembly, Conspicuous and Migwar all have chances, but there is a chance the handicapper may have underestimated **Alhawa's** defeat of Yeast, the Victoria Cup winner, in a strongly run race at Lingfield recently. John Benstead's lightly-raced colt looked as though he would appreciate today's step up in trip.

4.05: **Sorbie Tower** has toyed with handicappers on his last two runs and looks capable of taking this rise in class in his stride. Gay Kelleway's progressive colt won with something in hand at Sandown a month ago despite a 16lb rise in the handicap. Hidden Oasis showed improved form on his first run since wintering in Dubai and looks a danger along with Wixim, who is capable of even better after a smooth Doncaster success.

4.35: A high draw is usually important when the stalls are on the far side of the sprint course and the ground is soft. Almuhimm, who was running over a mile and a quarter last year, ran his best race over Lingfield's sharp seven furlongs two weeks ago and Ed Dunlop's maiden looks well handicapped. However, **Double Splendour** is a six-furlong specialist proven on this ground who ran particularly well from a moderate draw at Thirsk a week ago.

RICHARD EVANS

DONCASTER
CHANNEL 4

3.20: The breakneck pace of the Victoria Cup found out Delta Soleil. He will be happier in this smaller field, but the same applies to **Fame Again**. After getting badly hampered at Chester, Fame Again did well to finish fourth last time and the extra furlong here is in her favour. Although Super Benz is vastly improved, he must now defy a 9lb hike in the weights. Hi Nod looks a bigger threat.

3.50: Remaadi Son weaved his way through for a comfortable win at York and is on the upgrade. He likes to come late but may not be so effective in this small field. Any rain would also dampen his chances so preference is for **Beauchamp Jade**, who finally broke the ice at Newmarket last time. Taipan and Backgammon, who chased home the selection, did much to endorse the form at Goodwood recently.

4.20: **Farasan** has the makings of a smart colt. He showed a positive attitude when catching Whitewater Affair in a newcomers' race at Newmarket and the latter has since triumphed in listed class. Generosus and Germano are interesting opponents but Kammtarra, who showed abundant promise on his debut, looks the biggest danger.

4.50: **Corradini** improved greatly from his reappearance when third in the Chester Cup and he should again account for Blaze Away and Noufari. The four-year-old is not particularly well handicapped but a combination of out-of-form opponents and seasonal debutants makes him the safest choice. Snow Princess looks the biggest threat despite her lack of a recent outing.

JULIAN MUSCAT

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Sing With The Band
2.30 Farhana
3.00 Some Horse
3.30 E Sharp
4.00 Mount Row
4.30 High Cut
5.05 Embryonic

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 **FARHANA** (nap). 3.00 Winter Romance. 3.30 E Sharp.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

2.00 BE FRIENDLY HANDICAP

BBC1

(£5,401: 5f) (11 runners)

101	(6)	65020-0	MUSICAL SEASON 45 (D,S) (P Savill) T Barron 4-10-0	J Fortune	88
102	(7)	1060-00	LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 36 (V,CD,BF,F,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 8-9-10	R Perham	92
103	(2)	1-46036	ZIGGY'S DANCER 10 (D,F,G) (F Barry) E Alston 5-9-10	S D Williams	94
104	(3)	11660-0	TEDBURROW 7 (D,F,G) (P Daves) Mrs A Naughton 4-9-8	Paul Eddery	87
105	(1)	50502-0	HINTON ROCK 16 (D,F) (P Freeman) A Bailey 4-9-6	D Wright (3)	90
106	(4)	240-360	GLORIOUS ARAGON 7 (BF) (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-5	R Hills	94
107	(9)	42-5400	SAILORMAITE 7 (B,C,G,S) (S Bowring) S Bowring 5-9-4	D McKeown	98
108	(11)	00060-1	TUSCAN DAWN 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Deuters) J Berry 6-9-4	P Roberts (5)	95
109	(8)	00113-0	SURPRISE MISSION 35 (D,F,G) (D Brotherton) R Whitaker 4-9-1	A Culhane	86
110	(5)	0-03200	LA SUGUET 19 (D,BF,F) (B Buckley) N Tinkler 4-8-11	M Birch	95
111	(10)	023-002	SING WITH THE BAND 21 (D,G) (D Allen) B McMahon 5-7-12	G Carter	●

BETTING: 4-1 Lord High Admiral, 9-2 Surprise Mission, 5-1 Tedburrow, 6-1 Tuscan Dawn, 7-1 Ziggy's Dancer, 8-1 Sing With The Band, 10-1 Hinton Rock, 12-1 others.

1995: LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 7-10-0 M Roberts (10-1) M Heaton-Ellis 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUSICAL SEASON best recent effort 3¼l 2nd of 10 to Jawlaat in handicap at York (6f, good to firm). LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 7½l 7th of 21 to Anzio in handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. ZIGGY'S DANCER neck and neck 3rd of 11 to Anzio in handicap at Chester (5f, good) on penultimate start with GLORIOUS ARAGON (5lb better off) 2¾l 6th and HINTON ROCK (5lb better off) about 4l 9th. SAILORMAITE best recent effort 5½l 4th of 13 to Anzio in handicap at Newbury (5f, good to soft) with ZIGGY'S DANCER (4lb worse off) 1½l 6th and LORD HIGH ADMIRAL (3lb worse off) 2l 10th.

TUSCAN DAWN beat Just Bob head in 9-runner handicap at Thirsk (5f, good to firm).

LA SUGUET 4½l 7th of 8 to Bolshoi in claimer at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). SING WITH THE BAND 1l 2nd of 20 to Awasha in handicap at Thirsk (5f, good to firm).

Selection: GLORIOUS ARAGON

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	19	54	35.2	T Sprake	5	27	18.5
P Chapple-Hyam	7	25	28.0	Paul Eddery	12	69	17.4
J Gosden	22	88	25.0	R Hills	15	95	15.8
T Barron	4	16	25.0	J Carroll	21	180	11.7
J Dunlop	24	97	24.7	G Carter	7	67	10.4
R J Houghton	4	17	23.5	B Thomson	3	30	10.0

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Haydock Park: 4.30 Celtic Lady. Kempton Park: 3.35 Mokuti. Warwick: 6.50 Sarasota Storm, Typhoon Eight. 7.20 Cry Baby. 8.50 Hang Ten. Wolverhampton: 7.00 Margaretrose Anna. 7.30 Wee Tinkerbell. 8.00 Rostaq. 9.00 Ekaterini Paritsi. 9.30 Indian Rhapsody, Lotties Bid.

2.30 SANDY LANE RATED HANDICAP

BBC1

(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £12,609: 6f) (5 runners)

201	(2)	11-50	MAID FOR THE HILLS 20 (D,F,G) (C Basher) D Loder 9-7	D R McCabe	87
202	(4)	153155-	DOVEBRACE 254 (C,D,F,G) (D Jones) A Bailey 9-5	J Fortune	86
203	(1)	21-11	FARHANA 20 (D,F,G) (A Foustok) W Jarvis 9-1	R Hills	●
204	(3)	42141-1	DASHING BLUE 28 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Allen) I Balding 9-1	Paul Eddery	95
205	(5)	30116-5	APRIL THE EIGHTH 41 (D,F) (M Siu) B Hills 9-1	P Robinson	86

BETTING: 6-4 Farhana, 5-2 Dashing Blue, 5-1 Maid For The Hills, 6-1 April The Eighth, 8-1 Dovebrace

1995: STAR TULIP 8-7 G Duffield (8-1) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAID FOR THE HILLS best recent effort beat Persian Secret neck in 7-runner listed race at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).

DOVEBRACE best effort last season when beating Mazeed short head at Chester (6f, good to firm).

FARHANA beat Unconditional Love 3½l in handicap at Salisbury (6f, good). DASHING BLUE beat Cross The Border 1¾l in handicap at Sandown (5f, good). APRIL THE EIGHTH best effort to beat Ponce Of Florence 2l in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to firm).

Selection: DASHING BLUE

3.00 TOTE CREDIT SILVER BOWL

BBC1

(Handicap: 3-Y-O: £21,300: 1m 30yd) (10 runners)

301	(1)	5131-00	BELIEVE ME 37 (D,F,G) (B Adams) R Hannon 9-7	R Perham	90
302	(6)	30-54	VAN GURP 9 (Baroche Stud) B McMahon 9-4	G Carter	87
303	(7)	201144-	SOME HORSE 217 (C,G,S) (Anfield Hombres) M Meagher 9-3	J Fortune	88
304	(8)	032-2	WINTER ROMANCE 9 (BF) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0	Paul Eddery	●
305	(4)	5210-23	POLAR PRINCE 20 (C,G) (Mrs C Stevenson) M Jarvis 9-0	P Robinson	98
306	(3)	10004-6	KALA SUNRISE 30 (F) (A Needham) C Smith 9-0	D R McCabe (3)	88
307	(10)	010-014	AL SHAFA 20 (D,F,G) (A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-12	T Sprake	97
308	(9)	42-64	DOUBLE BLUFF 9 (J Smith) I Balding 8-11	Martin Dwyer (5)	95
309	(2)	13-2	KRISCLIFFE 19 (F) (P Idris) Miss G Kelleway 8-6	N Adams	92
310	(5)	413-000	JO MELL 9 (G) (C Newton Ltd) T Easterby 8-4	M Birch	92

BETTING: 7-2 Winter Romance, 5-1 Double Bluff, 6-1 Van Gurp, Polar Prince, Al Shafa, 7-1 Kriscliffe, 10-1 Believe Me, 12-1 others.

1995: SONIC BOY 3-9-7 J Quinn 9-1 (R Johnson Houghton) 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELIEVE ME best effort beat Astuti 1¾l in 5-runner conditions race at Newmarket (1m, good to firm).

SOME HORSE about 3¾l 4th of 11 to Carburton in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm).

WINTER ROMANCE head 2nd of 13 to Missile in handicap at York (1m, good to firm).

POLAR PRINCE 1¼l and head 3rd of 15 to Sparito Libro in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with AL SHAFA neck 4th.

KALA SUNRISE 4½l 4th of 6 to West-A-Minute in listed race at Pontefract (1m, firm).

AL SHAFA beat Kazmiera neck in 9-runner handicap at Ripon (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start with JO MELL (9lb better) 29l 9th. DOUBLE BLUFF about ½l 4th of 14 to Polish Spring in handicap at York (7f, good to firm) with JO MELL (5lb better off) 4l 8th.

KRISCLIFFE ¾l 2nd of 10 to Trojan Risk in handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm).

Selection: SOME HORSE

3.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ST HELENS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,435: 5f) (6 runners)

401	(5)		E SHARP (Cheveley Park Stud) D Loder 8-11	D R McCabe (3)	–
402	(2)	6	MANHATTAN DIAMOND 16 (Mrs B Higgins) A Bailey 8-11	J Fortune	–
403	(6)	50	MOLLY DRUMMOND 21 (R Hughes & Partners) W Elsey 8-11	M Birch	–
404	(1)	4	RUBY TUESDAY 16 (Canton Corporation) B McMahon 8-11	G Carter	–
405	(3)		TERRY'S ROSE (Mrs L Hunt) R Hollinshead 8-11	J Carroll	–
406	(4)		WHITTLE TIMES (Whittle Partners) E Alston 8-11	S D Williams	–

BETTING: 5-4 E Sharp, 7-2 Molly Drummond, 5-1 Manhattan Diamond, Ruby Tuesday, 8-1 Terry's Rose, 16-1 Whittle Times.

1995: DESERT TIGER 8-11 M Roberts (5-6 fav) M Johnston 4 ran

4.00 ECCLES MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,792: 1m 2f 120yd) (15 runners)

501	(5)		ALFAHAD (A Al-Rai) Miss S Kettlewell 9-0	O Urbina	–
502	(1)	4-0	ALSAHIB 23 (BF) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	77
503	(6)		AREN'T WE LUCKY (I Stewart) J J O'Neill 9-0	J Fortune	–
504	(13)	40	CRABBIE'S PRIDE 18 ([illegible] Racing) A Bailey 9-0	J Fanning	71
505	(2)		JASEUR (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	J Carroll	–
506	(9)		KULSHI MOMKEN (Ahmed Al Maktoum) [illegible] 9-0	T Sprake	–
507	(11)	0	NEWBRIDGE BOY 18 (A Draper) M Meagher 9-0	R Studholme (7)	–
508	(14)	0-0	REGAL EAGLE 7 (J Smith) I Balding 9-0	Paul Eddery	70
509	(12)		SO KEEN (R Bailey) A Bailey 9-0	S D Williams	–
510	(2)	3-0	ANNECY 29 (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-9	G Carter	96
511	(3)		CHERRY MUNA (Longlands Racing) C Parrott 8-9	Dale Gibson	–
512	(15)	00	GOLD LINING 12 (P Cowley) [illegible] 8-9	A Mackay	71
513	(7)	2-6	LOTHLORIEN 29 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	B Thomson	●
514	(4)	6	MAID TO LAST 35 (J Richmond-Watson) [illegible] 8-9	P Robinson	–
515	(10)	4	MOUNT ROW 19 (Lord Hartington) L Cumani 8-9	D R McCabe (3)	93

BETTING: 3-1 Jaseur, 4-1 Mount Row, 6-1 Lothlorien, Annecy, 8-1 Alsahib, 10-1 Crabbie's Pride, 12-1 others.

1995: SANMARTINO 9-0 Paul Eddery (4-5 fav) B Hills 7 ran

4.30 SHEVINGTON MAIDEN STAKES (£3,753: 7f 30yd) (13 runners)

601	(2)	6/	NORTHGATE CHIEF 754 (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-9-12	G Carter	–
602	(7)	23-6500	SHERAZ 8 (Speedlith Group) N Tinkler 4-9-12	M Birch	81
603	(6)		CELTIC LADY 99J (B) (S Lee) Mrs M Macauley 5-9-5	C Teague (3)	–
604	(2)	5425-05	ANGUS MCCOATUP 18 (C Allen) B McMahon 3-8-13	L Newton (5)	79
605	(9)	50	CHINENSIS 43 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-13	O Urbina	77
606	(11)	223-	DETACHMENT 314 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-13	B Thomson	●
607	(10)		NEXSIS STAR (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 3-8-13	P Roberts (5)	–
608	(8)	20-	ROCKY'S METEOR 266 (F Chennell) R Fahey 3-8-13	A Culhane	69
609	(13)	50	SURF CITY 21 (A Anderson) W Haigh 3-8-13	J Fortune	66
610	(12)	2-	HIGH CUT 375 (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-8	Paul Eddery	96
611	(4)	34406-	PAPER MAZE 240 (Mrs F Williams) E Owen 3-8-8	Darren Moffatt (3)	65
612	(1)	46	SANDHILL 17 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 3-8-8	J Carroll	92
613	(5)	0	WELCOME BRIEF 12 (Edges Farm Racing) E Alston 3-8-8	J Fanning	–

BETTING: 9-4 High Cut, 11-4 Detachment, 5-1 Sandhill, Chinensis, Sheraz, 10-1 Surf City, 12-1 others.

1995: BANADAM 3-8-13 T Ives (7-2) B Hanbury 5 ran

5.05 LADBROKE HANDICAP (£3,695: 1m 6f) (6 runners)

1	(1)	2/1130-3	EMBRYONIC 33 (F) (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 4-9-10	J Fortune	91
2	(3)	0013-53	SECRET SERVICE 19 (F) (G Reed) C Thornton 4-9-6	Paul Eddery	95
3	(4)	00/042	SATIN LOVER 12 (D,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-7	S Copp (7)	●
4	(2)	210-000	PICKENS 16 (F) (P Grundy) N Tinkler 4-9-0	M Birch	96
5	(5)	61604/	BLAZON OF TROY 77J (F) (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 7-8-1	A Mackay	–
6	(6)	63050-0	KINGS CAY 25 (F,S) (R Jones) T Caldwell 5-8-0	Darren Moffatt (3)	94

BETTING: 7-4 Embryonic, 11-4 Satin Lover, 3-1 Secret Service, 15-2 Pickens, 10-1 Blazon Of Troy, 12-1 Kings Cay

1995: MOSHAAJIR 5-9-5 G Duffield (5-1) C Smith 8 ran

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.05 Abou Zouz
2.35 My Lewicia
3.05 Rocky Forum
3.35 ZERMATT (nap)
4.05 Sorbie Tower
4.35 Double Splendour

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.05 **ABOU ZOUZ**.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.05 NEW ENGLAND CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-O: £4,675: 6f) (7 runners)

1	(3)	1	ABOU ZOUZ 21 (F) (W Said) D Loder 9-0	J Reid	●
2	(7)	1	BALI PARADISE 19 (S) (Al Muallim Ptnrs) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	77
3	(2)	14	BLUE MOVIE 37 (S) (C Wates) M Bell 9-0	M Fenton	81
4	(6)	1	STATESMAN 37 (F) (S Crown) M Channon 9-0	R Hughes	84
5	(4)	214	CASTLE HOUSE 20 (F) (Mrs J Mullally) J Akehurst 8-10	R Cochrane	85
6	(1)		PALAEMON (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-10	A Clark	–
7	(5)		PALISANDER (G Steinberg) S Dow 8-10	S Sanders	–

BETTING: 7-4 Abou Zouz, 3-1 Bali Paradise, 7-2 Statesman, 5-1 Blue Movie, 8-1 Castle House, 20-1 Palaemon, 25-1 Palisander.

1995: L'AMI LOUIS 9-0 L Dettori (5-2) J Gosden 5 ran

2.35 CALIFORNIAN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,753: 1m) (11 runners)

1	(7)	20	BEAU BRUNO 5 (Mrs J Van Geest) M Bell 9-0	M Fenton	–
2	(10)	0	PHONETIC 23 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 9-0	A Clark	–
3	(2)	2	POLAR PROSPECT 6 (Elitway Racing Ptnrs) B Hanbury 9-0	R Cochrane	73
4	(9)	0	PRESENT GENERATION 8 (S Lury) R Guest 9-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	–
5	(6)		SHARK (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	G Duffield	–
6	(4)	0	SOAKED 26 (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 9-0	N Varley (3)	77
7	(11)	0-6	WARREN KNIGHT 47 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 9-0	W J O'Connor	66
8	(8)		BENT RARWAND (H Salem) B Hanbury 8-9	P Bloomfield	–
9	(5)	0-2	MY LEWICIA 19 (G Knight) P Harris 8-9	G Hind	●
10	(1)	0-0	PASSAGE CREEPING 22 (T Bredenell) L Cumani 8-9	R Hughes	75
11	(3)	50-	POSSESSIVE ARTISTE 274 (Mrs D Swinburn) M Stoute 8-9	J Reid	75

BETTING: 3-1 My Lewicia, 9-2 Polar Prospect, 6-1 Shark, 7-1 Passage Creeping, Present Generation, 8-1 Soaked, 10-1 Possessive Artiste, 12-1 others.

1995: RESTRUCTURE 9-0 Pat Eddery (5-4 fav) Mrs J Cecil 9 ran

3.05 CRAWLEY WARREN HANDICAP

C4

(£8,603: 2m) (11 runners)

1	(1)	0111-35	FUJIYAMA CREST 17 (D,F,G) (S Hata) M Stoute 4-10-0	J Reid	94
2	(10)	0000-10	SHADIRWAN 38 (D,F,G,S) (C Batt) R Akehurst 5-9-6	T Ashley (7)	97
3	(3)	1310-00	SALAMAN 49 (D,F,G) (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 4-9-6	R Cochrane	90
4	(5)	/014/00-	IVOR'S FLUTTER 329 (G,S) (W Perry) D Elsworth 7-8-1	A Procter	–
5	(7)	24524-0	PARADISE NAVY 29 (G) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 7-8-9	R Hughes	92
6	(9)	1621-21	ROCKY FORUM 6 (D,G,S) (The Forum Ltd) G L Moore 4-8-6	S Sanders	95
7	(6)	62333-4	BARFORD SOVEREIGN 29 (Barford Bloodstock) J Fanshawe 4-8-6	T Quinn	93
8	(2)	30126-0	GREYCOAT BOY 6 (B,F) (N Rimington) B Meehan 4-8-2	J F Egan	95
9	(4)	05-5036	SEA FREEDOM 20 (V) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-8-1	N Varley (3)	●
10	(11)	6-40323	COURBARIL 14 (F,S) (G Steinberg) S Dow 4-7-12	F Norton	94
11	(8)	65/054-0	ALLMOSA 6 (D,F,G) (The Durdans Four (II) Two) T Naughton 7-7-10	M Baird (5)	80

Long handicap: Allmosa 7-3.

BETTING: 3-1 Rocky Forum, 9-2 Fujiyama Crest, 6-1 Shadirwan, 7-1 Paradise Navy, 8-1 Salaman, Courbaril, 10-1 Barford Sovereign, Sea Freedom, 12-1 others.

1995: LATAHAAB 4-8-10 T Quinn (9-4 fav) R Akehurst 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FUJIYAMA CREST 7¾l 5th of 18 to Merit in handicap at Chester (2m 2f 117yd, good). Previously 3¾l 3rd of 9 to Orchestra Stall in handicap at Ripon (2m, good). SHADIRWAN beat Noyan 5l in 20-runner handicap at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to soft) with SEA FREEDOM (12lb better off) 18½l 5th and SALAMAN (8lb better off) 22l 14th. IVOR'S FLUTTER 9l 8th of 17 to Bold Gait in handicap at Newcastle (2m, firm) with SHADIRWAN (10lb worse off) 21l 12th. PARADISE NAVY best recent effort 2½l 2nd of 13 to Merit (2m 110yd, good to firm). ROCKY FORUM beat En Vacances 4l in 16-runner handicap at Newbury (2m, soft) with GREYCOAT BOY (10lb better off) 38l 10th and ALLMOSA (6lb better off) 5l 13th. BARFORD SOVEREIGN 2½l and neck 3rd of 5 to Miss Pin Up in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good to firm). SEA FREEDOM head and ½l 3rd of 12 to Kadastrof in handicap at Warwick (1m 7f, good to soft). COURBARIL 8l 3rd of 14 to Coleridge in handicap at Bath (2m 1f 34yd, firm)

Selection: SEA FREEDOM

3.35 NEW SOUTH WALES HANDICAP

C4

(£5,505: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

1	(7)	303100-	MYSTIC HILL 231 (C,D,F,S) (Mrs S Whitehead) G Harwood 5-9-11	A Clark	90
2	(1)	102-000	ROMIOS 18 (D,G,S) (C Shiacolas) P Cole 4-9-9	T Quinn	95
3	(11)	00450-6	MENAS GOLD 47 (F,G) (T Mountain) S Dow 4-9-9	J Reid	93
4	(14)	0612-51	KINGS ASSEMBLY 25 (D,F,G,S) (The Everhopefuls I) P Harris 4-9-5	G Hind	●
5	(3)	12120-0	CONSPICUOUS 18 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 6-9-2	A McGlone	96
6	(12)	231000-	FIELDRIDGE 237 (D,F,G) (Charleston Ptnrs) M Muggeridge 7-9-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	88
7	(5)	05-221	MIGWAR 19 (D,F) (Umm Qarn Racing) L Cumani 3-8-13	R Hughes	95
8	(4)	433-51	MOKUTI 29 (B,G) (Baron G von Ullmann) G Wragg 4-8-12	R Cochrane	98
9	(2)	1-1	ALHAWA 15 (F,G) (H Al Maktoum) C Benstead 3-8-9	M Wigham	96
10	(9)	104-256	SEVENTEENS LUCKY 65 (G) (D Cameron) Bob Jones 4-8-8	G Duffield	93
11	(13)	1023-01	DOMITIA 14 (D,F,G) (M Fitzgerald) M Bell 4-8-7	M Fenton	95
12	(10)	50-5842	ZERMATT 14 (F,S) (Clantex Gwent) M Usher 6-8-5	S Sanders	98
13	(6)	1-02300	EASY CHOICE 14 (G) (J Morton) P Mitchell 4-8-3	G Bardwell	89
14	(15)	231115	GOLDEN TOUCH 18 (C,D,BF,F,G) (Mrs R Godfrey) N Callaghan 4-8-3	J F Egan	97
15	(8)	057166	ERRANT 22 (D,G) (A Gorrie) D Cosgrove 4-7-11	D O'Shea	92

BETTING: 9-2 Migwar, 6-1 Alhawa, Kings Assembly, 7-1 Mokuti, 8-1 Golden Touch, 10-1 Conspicuous, Menas Gold, 12-1 Domitia, Zermatt, 14-1 Romios, 16-1 Mystic Hill, 20-1 Easy Choice, 25-1 others.

1995: BOB'S PLOY 3-8-4 B Thomson (9-4 fav) R Akehurst 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MYSTIC HILL best effort last season when beating Artic Courier sh hd in 5-runner rated stakes here (1m 4f, good to firm). ROMIOS 26½l 14th of 15 to handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good).

MENAS GOLD 7½l 7th of 9 to RON'S SECRET in handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, firm) on penultimate start. KINGS ASSEMBLY beat Harvey White 1½l in 13-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm).

CONSPICUOUS best recent effort ½l 2nd of 22 to Night Dance in handicap at Ascot (1m, soft). FIELDRIDGE best effort last season when beating CONSPICUOUS (9lb worse off) 1¼l in 14-runner handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). MIGWAR beat Billy Bushwacker 2l in 7-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to firm). MOKUTI beat Percy Braithwaite short head in 11-runner handicap at Carlisle (1m, good to soft). ALHAWA beat Yeast short head in 6-runner race at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). SEVENTEENS LUCKY 16l 6th of 27 to Mardui in handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good). DOMITIA beat Darling Clover ¾l in 9-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). ZERMATT 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Bardon Hill Boy in handicap at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm). GOLDEN TOUCH beat Spillo ½l in 12-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) with ERRANT (8lb better off) 6¾l 6th and DOMITIA (1lb better off) 2½l 7th.

Selection: ZERMATT

4.05 CRAWLEY WARREN HERON STAKES

C4

(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £14,605: 1m) (9 runners)

1	(5)	11-0	BRIGHSTONE 28 (D,F) (M Poland) H Cecil 8-12	W J O'Connor	82
2	(4)	421-2	HIDDEN OASIS 20 (BF,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 8-12	A Clark	88
3	(9)	01216-	QUAKERS FIELD 219 (C,F,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 8-12	S Whitworth	89
4	(6)	11	REGAL ARCHIVE 29 (C,D,G) (Mrs B Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12	J Reid	91
5	(8)	02-111	SORBIE TOWER 28 (D,G,S) (P Q) Miss G Kelleway 8-12	R Cochrane	96
6	(2)	2-1	UNREAL CITY 37 (D,F) (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 8-12	A McGlone	80
7	(1)	211	WIXIM 19 (D,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-12	T Quinn	91
8	(7)	2120-6	DARLING FLAME 39 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-7	G Hind	92
9	(3)	6010-20	KEEPERS DAWN 20 (S) (B Lanigan) R Johnson Houghton 8-7	R Hughes	●

BETTING: 3-1 Hidden Oasis, 7-2 Wixim, 9-2 Sorbie Tower, 6-1 Darling Flame, 7-1 Regal Archive, 8-1 Unreal City, Quakers Field, 10-1 others.

1995: PEACE ENVOY 8-12 Pat Eddery (2-1 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRIGHSTONE beat La Volta ½l in 6-runner 2-y-o race at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). HIDDEN OASIS 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Projection in 3-y-o race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). QUAKERS FIELD beat Astuti head in auction 2-y-o race at Goodwood (7f, good). REGAL ARCHIVE beat Gold Spats 2½l in 7-runner 3-y-o race at Sandown (1m, good). SORBIE TOWER beat Forest Robin 2l in 14-runner handicap at Sandown (1m, good). UNREAL CITY beat Henry Island 1¾l in 15-runner maiden at Ripon (1m, good to firm). WIXIM beat Anthelia 2l in 4-runner maiden at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). DARLING FLAME best effort ½l 2nd of 8 to Applaud in Group III Hillsdown Cherry Hinton stakes at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). KEEPERS DAWN 6l 2nd of 9 to Bosra Sham in Group III Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to soft).

Selection: HIDDEN OASIS

4.35 UNDERWRITING HANDICAP (£5,375: 6f) (7 runners)

C4

1	(4)	411-145	DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 7 (D,F,G,S) (Yorkshire RC 1990) P Felgate 6-9-10	G Hind	94
2	(6)	453-32	ALMUHIMM 15 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-9-9	T Quinn	●
3	(3)	P-01015	SCHARNHORST 16 (F,G,S) (Mackenzie Print) S Dow 4-9-3	R Hughes	94
4	(2)	60005-2	ERRA 26 (CD,F,S) (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 7-8-12	Dane O'Neill (3)	94
5	(1)	55063-0	BALANCE OF POWER 14 (D,F) (J Falvey) R Akehurst 4-8-9	S Sanders	95
6	(7)	400060	LEIGH CROFTER 8 (B,D,F,G,S) (P Dimmock) P Cundell 7-8-4	G Duffield	96
7	(5)	00646-0	TWICE PURPLE 9 (Mathieson Partnership) B Meehan 4-8-3	J F Egan	96

BETTING: 5-2 Almuhimm, 3-1 Erra, 4-1 Double Splendour, 9-2 Balance Of Power, 6-1 Scharnhorst, 12-1 Leigh Crofter, 16-1 Twice Purple.

1995: LAMBERT'S LANDING 4-9-13 T Quinn (5-2) P Cole 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 3¼l 5th of 21 to To The Roof in handicap at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). ALMUHIMM head 2nd of 10 to Russian Music in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). SCHARNHORST beat The Stager neck in 10-runner race at Folkestone (7f, firm) on penultimate start. ERRA short head 2nd of 13 to Latching in handicap over course and distance (good to firm). BALANCE OF POWER 3l 3rd of 16 to Dare Sparrow in race at Folkestone (6f, good) with ERRA (1lb worse off) 1¼l 5th and LEIGH CROFTER (7lb better off) head 6th. LEIGH CROFTER 8l 6th of 8 to Vax New Way in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). TWICE PURPLE 7½l 10th of 14 to Morocco in handicap at Salisbury (7f, good to firm).

Selection: DOUBLE SPLENDOUR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Chapple-Hyam	5	18	27.8	R Hughes	5	29	17.2
H Thomson Jones	10	46	21.7	T Quinn	29	212	13.7
N Callaghan	4	19	21.1	J Reid	19	154	12.3
R Charlton	13	62	21.0	R Cochrane	20	178	11.2
J Fanshawe	11	61	18.0	S Sanders	3	27	11.1
G Wragg	7	39	17.9	Only qualifiers			

☐ The Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained General Monash (David Harrison) and Godolphin's Easy Option (Sylvain Guillot) run in the group two Prix du Gros-Chene over five furlongs at Deauville tomorrow. Simon Dow sends Young Ern (Willie Ryan) to the same track in a bid to repeat his 1994 win in the group three seven-furlong Prix du Palais Royal. He will be joined by Mistle Cat (Wendyll Woods) and Myself (Harrison).

Flyfisher leads Italian bid

FLYFISHER, trained by Geoff Lewis, leads the challenge for a fourth consecutive success by British-trained colts in the Derby Italiano tomorrow. Peter Chapple-Hyam runs Heron Island and Backdrop, while Paul Cole sends Dismissed, and David Loder, Bahamian Knight. Clive Brittain, who won the race with Hailsham in 1991 and Luso last year, runs Babinda.

Bankhead promoted

Point-to-point by Carl Evans

THIS is the age when talent spotters and their backers break up teams, and point-to-pointing is no different: Irish breeders, who run their horses between the flags to advertise their talents, cannot wait for the cheque books to be opened. For those who run livery yards in Britain, the prospect of losing a talented horse to a professional trainer is less appealing.

You have to sympathise with Warwickshire trainer Caroline Spearing, who had little chance of keeping the talents of Bankhead under wraps, even before he proved himself one of the best ladies' open horses in the country. Her father, John, will send him novice chasing next year.

Monday's outing at the **Albrighton Woodland** meeting is likely to be the last in which Caroline saddles and rides Bankhead, but the partnership should end on a winning note.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Dulverton East, Mounsey Hill Gate, 4 miles north of Dulverton (first race 2.00); Melton Hunt Club, Garthorpe, 6m E of Melton Mowbray (2.00); Tredegar Farmers, Bassaleg, 2m N of June 28 M4 (4.00). TOMORROW: Thames Valley Hunts Club, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (2.00).

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Cartmel (first race, 2.00), Chepstow (2.00), Fontwell Park (2.00), Hereford (2.30), Huntingdon (2.00), Leicester (2.20), Redcar (2.10), Sandown Park (C4, 2.00), Southwell (AW, 2.15), Uttoxeter (2.30), Wetherby (2.15).

TUESDAY: Leicester (2.30), Hexham (Sky, 6.35), Redcar (2.15), Sandown Park (Sky, 6.20).

WEDNESDAY: Cartmel (2.00), Folkestone (2.15), Newbury (Sky, 6.30), Ripon (Sky, 6.45).

THURSDAY: Brighton (2.10), Carlisle (2.20), Hereford (Sky, 6.30), Musselburgh (Sky, 6.45), Uttoxeter (2.00).

FRIDAY: Ayr (2.00), Bath (6.35), Catterick Bridge (2.00), Stratford (6.20), Wolverhampton (AW, 2.10).

SATURDAY: Catterick Bridge (2.15), Kempton Park (Sky, 6.25), Lingfield Park (BBC, 2.00), Market Rasen (Sky, 6.40), Newmarket (C4, 2.10), Stratford (C4, 2.50).

Flat meetings in bold

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Bijou D'Inde to show classic sparkle

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

BIJOU D'INDE can give Mark Johnston, the Middleham trainer, his first Irish classic success in the First National Building Society Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh tomorrow, when the relative merits of the English and French Guineas are put to the test.

Jason Weaver's mount, the winner of a group three event at the Curragh as a juvenile, failed by little more than inches when third to Mark Of Esteem in a tremendous tussle for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket. He will be suited by the demanding mile at the Curragh and should not be troubled by the testing ground.

Beauchamp King, who defeated Alhaarth in the Craven Stakes, must bridge a gap of more than six lengths which separated him from Bijou D'Inde at Newmarket.

Spinning World, the French challenger, ousted Bijou D'Inde as the ante-post favourite this week. His credentials are impressive — Cash Asmussen did not excel on him when a fast finishing three-quarters of a length second to Ashkalani in the French Guineas.

Tagula finished a close third at Longchamp, half a length behind Spinning World, and must also be respected, but he is unlikely to reverse placings.

Another with claims is Henry Cecil's supplementary entry, Phantom Quest, a highly rated colt sure to improve from his recent convincing win at Newmarket. Jim Bolger's Deed Of Love should prove best of a weak home defence.

Matiya, Bint Shadayid and My Branch, who filled the places behind Bosra Sham at Newmarket, seek classic compensation in today's Airlie/Coolmore Irish 1,000 Guineas. There should be little between the three with My Branch possibly open to most improvement.

Preference, however, is for the once-raced Distant Oasis, the impressive winner of a minor event at Ascot. Although she faces a tough assignment here, she is almost certainly better than that bare form indicates — she dwelt in the stalls before beating Tawaaded with authority.

She lacks experience, but the fact that she has been supplemented by Cecil suggests she could be something out of the ordinary. She can reward the faith of her trainer, who recorded his first classic success with Cloonagh in this race in 1973.

Dance Design, the mount of Michael Kinane, is strongly fancied by connections and looks solid each-way value, while the blinkered Zafzala should emerge best of John Oxx's three runners.

☐ Annus Mirabilis, River North and Sanoosea represent Britain in the Ir£50,000 Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh tomorrow.

CURRAGH TODAY CHANNEL 4

3.55 AIRLIE/COOLMORE IRISH 1,000 GUINEAS
(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: Ir£84,250: 1m) (12 runners)

1 (2) 2-6 ABIR 19 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones (GB) 9-0 W Supple 80
2 (7) 216-32 ASMARA 14 (F) (H Aga Khan) J Oxx 9-0 C Roche 91
3 (5) 112-3 BINT SHADAYID 20 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) S bin Suroor (GB) 9-0 L Dettori 98
4 (11) 1144- DANCE DESIGN 237 (F,G) (Moyglare Stud Farm) D Weld 9-0 M J Kinane 90
5 (6) -1 DISTANT OASIS 24 (D,F) (F Salman) H Cecil (GB) 9-0 Pat Eddery 87
6 (10) 1323-2 MATIYA 20 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 W Carson [illegible]
7 (3) 21123-4 MY BRANCH 20 (F,G) (W Said) B Hills (GB) 9-0 M Hills 95
8 (12) 50-0 PRINCESS TYCOON 13 (J Hardiman) A O'Brien 9-0 S Craine —
9 (11) 121-5 PRIORY BELLE 28 (C,F,G) (Ballylinch Stud) J Bolger 9-0 K Manning 87
10 (9) 12-1 SHERAKA 35 (C,G,S) (H Aga Khan) J Oxx 9-0 G Mosse 85
11 (8) 232-1 TOSSUP 14 (D,G) (Mrs A O'Reilly) J Burns 9-0 P Shanahan 92
12 (4) 21-2 ZAFZALA 28 (B,BF,F) (H Aga Khan) J Oxx 9-0 J Murtagh 95

BETTING: 11-4 Bint Shadayid, 100-30 Matiya, 7-2 My Branch, 13-2 Distant Oasis, 15-2 Dance Design, 10-1 Sheraka, 12-1 Zafzala, 14-1 Priory Belle, 16-1 Tossup, 20-1 Asmara, 25-1 Princess Tycoon, 33-1 Abir.

CURRAGH TOMORROW BBC2

GOING: YIELDING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

4.10 FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY 2,000 GUINEAS
(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: Ir£112,700: 1m) (10 runners)

1 (6) 1111-5 BEAUCHAMP KING 22 (D,F,G,S) (E Penser) J Dunlop (GB) 9-0 M J Kinane 91
2 (7) 22115-3 BIJOU D'INDE 22 (CD,F,G) (J Morrison) M Johnston (GB) 9-0 J Weaver [illegible]
3 (2) 1194-1 DEED OF LOVE 36 (C,D,F,G,S) (M Al-Maktoum) J Bolger 9-0 K Manning 83
4 (10) 31-6 FLAME OF ATHENS 15 (C,F) (Miss P O'Kelly) M Grassick 9-0 J Murtagh 80
5 (1) 2-31 MUSICK HOUSE 20 (S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 9-0 B Thomson 74
6 (5) 41 PHANTOM QUEST 21 (D,F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil (GB) 9-0 Pat Eddery 89
7 (4) 3301-32 RAINBOW BLUES 29 (C,G,S) (Rainbows End Syndicate) A O'Brien 9-0 C Roche 73
8 (8) 124- RUSSIAN REVIVAL 280 (F) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor (GB) 9-0 L Dettori 77
9 (3) 11-32 SPINNING WORLD 14 (D,F,S) (Niarchos family) J Pease (Fr) 9-0 C Asmussen 91
10 (3) 4113-33 TAGULA 14 (F,G) (R Hitchins) I Balding (GB) 9-0 K Darley 90

BETTING: 2-1 Spinning World, 3-1 Beauchamp King, 7-2 Bijou D'Inde, 8-1 Russian Revival, 10-1 Phantom Quest, Tagula, 16-1 Deed Of Love, 20-1 others.

DONCASTER

THUNDERERER

2.20 Kid Ory
2.50 Hello
3.20 Fame Again
3.50 Beauchamp Jade
4.20 Farasan
4.50 Latahaab
5.20 Gymcrak Gem

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up U — unseated rider. B — brought down S — slipped up R — refused D — disqualified) Horse's name Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner D — distance winner CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy) Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW. 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 RACING SCHOOLS FURNITURE FACTORS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,698: 7f) (16 runners)

1 (6) 46-2000 IT'S ACADEMIC 8 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Chester) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-10 A Eddery (4) 94
2 (5) 600-004 PARLIAMENT PIECE 12 (D,F,G) (G Farndon) D Nicholls 10-9-10 Carol Davison (4) 96
3 (1) 100-003 KID ORY 18 (D,G) (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 5-9-8 D Griffiths 97
4 (2) 4120-34 GYMCRAK FLYER 14 (D,F,G) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Club) G Holmes 5-9-7 R Havlin 97
5 (12) 120060 WHITE SORREL 7 (D,G) (R Fenwick-Gibson) A Harrison 5-9-4 G Milligan 93
6 (7) 05460-0 CATS BOTTOM 19 (F) (A Newcombe) A Newcombe 4-9-3 R Painter 94
7 (10) 530-062 OCHOS RIOS 36 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Bum) B Rothwell 5-9-3 S Copp 97
8 (9) P/2030-0 RISE UP SINGING 26 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 8-9-0 J Wilkinson (4) 94
9 (3) 0-00613 CRAIGIE BOY 16 (B,BF,G,S) (B Rayner) N Bycroft 6-8-13 Iona Wands 95
10 (8) 2000-00 SOUPERFICIAL 36 (V,D,F,G) (N Wilson) J Glover 5-8-12 D Sweeney (4) 96
11 (13) 51400-0 PHASE ONE 56 (G) (The Flowerpot Men) J Eyre 6-8-11 S Drowne 92
12 (16) 540006 AQUADO 8 (B,D,F,G) (K Nicholls) S Bowring 7-8-7 C Teague 87
13 (15) 50-0552 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 31 (B,D,F,G) (Miss M Carrington-Smith) J Leigh 5-8-5 P Fessey [illegible]
14 (11) 00-0204 MU-ARRIK 15 (V,F,G) (C Raine) G Oldroyd 8-8-3 R Ffrench (4) 96
15 (4) 0-05000 ARC LAMP 18 (F,G) (B Bruce) J Glover 10-8-0 T Thomas (8) 93
16 (14) 551646 IRCHESTER LASS 14 (B,F,G) (South Forest Racing) S Bowring 4-7-13 P Doe (4) 93

BETTING: 4-1 Gymcrak Flyer, 9-2 Kid Ory, 5-1 Ochos Rios, 6-1 Parliament Piece, Mu-Arrik, 8-1 Craigie Boy, 10-1 It's Academic, 12-1 others

1995: GLOWING JADE 5-9-9 R Painter (5-1 fav) Miss G Kelleway 14 ran

2.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ZETLAND MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,655: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (5) BARITONE (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 9-0 N Connorton —
2 (7) HELLO (P Wroughton) J Dunlop 9-0 W Ryan —
3 (3) MAC'S DELIGHT (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0 D Harrison —
4 (2) 3 MANTLES PRINCE 26 (D Barker) G Lewis 9-0 T Ives 96
5 (6) 0 NINTH SYMPHONY 6 (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 9-0 L Charnock —
6 (9) 0 PROTARAS BAY 21 (The Cavotero Partnership) T Clement 9-0 J Quinn 80
7 (8) 2 TOUGH LEADER 7 (BF) (Abdullah Ali) B Hanbury 9-0 J Stack (3) [illegible]
8 (4) WILD CITY (Abdullah Ali) B Hanbury 9-0 M Henry (5) —
9 (1) BLONDE ROCK (Mrs J Keegan) M Channon 8-9 P P Murphy (5) —

BETTING: 3-1 Tough Leader, 7-2 Wild City, 4-1 Hello, 5-1 Mantles Prince, 6-1 Mac's Delight, Blonde Rock, 7-1 Baritone, 10-1 others.

1995: MUSHAHID 9-0 W Ryan (5-1) J Dunlop 6 ran

3.20 MERLIN LAND ROVER HANDICAP
C4

(£7,440: 7f) (10 runners)

1 (1) 221201- HI NOD 233 (D,F,G) (B Nordan) M Camacho 6-10-0 L Charnock 91
2 (2) 1043-50 DELTA SOLEIL 24 (F) (American Connection I) P Harris 4-9-8 W Ryan 92
3 (5) 010256 PENGAMON 16 (F,G) (Miss A Smallman) H Collingridge 4-8-12 J Quinn 87
4 (10) 151111 SUPER BENZ 45 (D,F,G,S) (Whitestonecliffe Pt'ship) J Eyre 10-8-12 R Lappin 90
5 (6) 55000-0 TAWAFIJ 47 (CD,F,S) (S Laidlaw) T Dyer 7-8-12 S Drowne (3) 88
6 (7) 10-0554 NIGHT WINK 4 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Benjamin) D Nicholls 4-8-10 Alex Greaves 92
7 (9) 4-00004 FAME AGAIN 7 (CD,G,S) (M Charlton) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-10 K Fallon [illegible]
8 (8) 01100-0 KESTON POND 19 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Mallinson) Mrs V Aconley 6-8-4 M Deering 90
9 (4) 0060-00 SOMERTON BOY 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 6-8-3 N Carlisle 97
10 (3) 233442 SYCAMORE LODGE 18 (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-0 M Henry (5) 97

BETTING: 4-1 Fame Again, 9-2 Super Benz, 5-1 Hi Nod, 11-2 Sycamore Lodge, 6-1 Night Wink, Pengamon, 7-1 Delta Soleil, 10-1 others.

1995: ELFLAND 4-8-12 K Darley (100-30 fav) Lady Herries 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

HI NOD beat Western Fame ½l in 6-runner handicap at York (7f, good to firm) final start last year. DELTA SOLEIL best effort last year 1¾l 3rd of 30 to Tarawa in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). PENGAMON best recent effort neck 2nd of 8 to Welton Arsenal in conditions race at Warwick (7f, good). SUPER BENZ beat To The Roof 3l in 24-runner handicap at Ripon (6f, good). NIGHT WINK 5¾l 4th of 11 to Terrium in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). FAME AGAIN 3l and short-head 4th of 21 to To The Roof in handicap at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). SYCAMORE LODGE 1l 2nd of 17 to Cheerful Groom in handicap over course and distance (good to firm).

Selection: SYCAMORE LODGE

3.50 ROSEHILL HANDICAP
C4

(£4,503: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1 (3) 3220-41 BEAUCHAMP JADE 20 (D,F) (E Penser) H Candy 4-9-13 C Rutter 98
2 (5) 0-03611 REMAADI SUN 11 (D,F) (T Barker) M Usher 4-9-8 R Street [illegible]
3 (4) 23023/0 BLACKPATCH HILL 28 (CD,G,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 7-9-7 Kim Tinkler —
4 (6) 3106/0-0 JERMYN STREET 38 (G) (J Busy) Mrs J Cecil 5-9-1 M Henry (5) 91
5 (1) 2410-00 MEGHDOOT 8 (D,G) (CSGJ Racing Syndicate) H Collingridge 4-8-12 J Quinn 95
6 (2) 423-600 RAFFLES ROOSTER 38 (A Newcombe) A Newcombe 4-8-3 S Drowne (3) —

BETTING: 5-4 Beauchamp Jade, 7-4 Remaadi Sun, 5-1 Jermyn Street, 25-1 Meghdoot, 33-1 Blackpatch Hill, 50-1 Raffles Rooster

1995: CHATHAM ISLAND 7-8-7 R Cochrane (13-2) C Brittain 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAUCHAMP JADE beat Taipan 1l in 12-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). REMAADI SUN beat Polydamas 1l in handicap at York (1m 4f, good to firm). BLACKPATCH HILL best effort 2l and nose 3rd of 10 to Shanna in handicap at Ostende (1m 3f, good) August 1994. MEGHDOOT 10l 7th of 15 to Progression in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) reappearance with JERMYN STREET (2lb better off) 2l 9th. RAFFLES ROOSTER 32l last of 11 to Duo Vrio in maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good)

Selection: BEAUCHAMP JADE

4.20 NAPOLEONS CASINO CONDITIONS STAKES
C4

(3-Y-O: £8,068: 1m 2f 60yd) (8 runners)

1 (3) 113-0 SOUTH SALEM 28 (C,F,G) (Mrs V Payson) D Loder 9-2 D Harrison [illegible]
2 (4) 1 FARASAN 38 (F) (Prince A A Faisal) H Cecil 9-0 J Tate 96
3 (2) 31 GENEROSUS 19 (D,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 91
4 (7) 01- GERMANO 218 (C,F) (Baron G von Ullmann) G Wragg 9-0 J Quinn 94
5 (5) 01 MANALOJ 23 (F) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 L Charnock 67
6 (1) 51 SMART PLAY 21 (F) (Mrs G Ward) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 T Ives 81
7 (6) 130-04 YAROB 19 (F) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 K Fallon 97
8 (8) 2 KAMMTARRA 20 (Saeed Maktoum Al Maktoum) Saeed bin Suroor 8-11 D McKeown 93

BETTING: 5-2 South Salem, 4-1 Generosus, 9-2 Kammtarra, 5-1 Yarob, 6-1 Farasan, 8-1 Manaloj, 10-1 others

1995: DON CORLEONE 9-5 D Harrison (11-2) R Charlton 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOUTH SALEM 2l and short-head 3rd of 13 to Royal Applause in group III Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, good to firm) final start last year. FARASAN beat Whitewater Affair short-head in 30-runner maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with MANALOJ 15l 14th. GENEROSUS beat Candle Smile 4l in 6-runner maiden at Newcastle (1m 2f, good). GERMANO beat Tameem 1l in 21-runner maiden here (7f, good to firm) final start last year. MANALOJ beat Dilazar 1l in 16-runner maiden at Salisbury (1m, good to firm). SMART PLAY beat Shirley Venture 1½l in 13-runner maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm). KAMMTARRA 1¾l 2nd of 9 to Phantom Quest in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to firm).

Selection: GENEROSUS

4.50 HAREWOOD RATED HANDICAP
C4

(£5,052: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 (6) 012-33 CORRADINI 17 (F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-7 W Ryan 98
2 (3) 102165- LATAHAAB 211 (D,F,S) (Ascot Racing Partnership) R Akehurst 5-9-3 T Ives 92
3 (5) 11350-0 HIGHFLYING 10 (C,D,F,G,S) (B Batey) G Moore 10-9-2 J Tate 89
4 (8) 41111-0 INVEST WISELY 11 (F,G) (J Smith) J Eustace 4-9-2 M Tebbutt 90
5 (7) 061111- SNOW PRINCESS 203 (C,F,S) (Lord Wensleydale) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-10 D Harrison 93
6 (1) 423-330 NOUFARI 17 (G) (E Weetman) R Hollinshead 5-8-9 K Fallon [illegible]
7 (2) 6008-30 BLAZE AWAY 17 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 5-8-9 D Griffiths (5) 97
8 (4) 31- HIGH PYRENEES 358 (F) (J Stephenson) R Allan 4-8-4 J Quinn 91

BETTING: 9-4 Snow Princess, 7-2 Corradini, 4-1 High Pyrenees, 9-2 Invest Wisely, 7-1 Latahaab, 10-1 Blaze Away, 12-1 others

1995: TRANS SIBERIA 4-8-9 W Ryan (13-8 fav) S Woods 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CORRADINI 7l 3rd of 18 to Merit in 18-runner handicap at Chester (2m 2f 117yd, good) with BLAZE AWAY (1lb better off) 5l 7th and NOUFARI (3lb better off) 1¾l 8th. INVEST WISELY beat Upper Mount Clair 1l in 6-runner handicap at Yarmouth (2m 2f, good) final start last year. SNOW PRINCESS beat Dato Star 1½l in 18-runner handicap here (1m 4f, good to firm) final start last year. NOUFARI best recent effort 6¾l 3rd of 6 to Double Eclipse in conditions race at Haydock (2m, good). BLAZE AWAY 10l 3rd of 20 to Shadirwan in handicap here (2m 2f, good to soft) penultimate start. HIGH PYRENEES beat Wurlitzer ½l in 7-runner maiden at Ayr (1m 5f, good to firm) final start last year.

Selection: CORRADINI

5.20 RIFLE BUTTS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,028: 5f) (9 runners)

1 (7) 6 ARCH ENEMY 20 (BF) (P Savill) M Channon 9-0 J Quinn 82
2 (1) LONGWICK LAD (Mrs M Wickham) W Muir 9-0 Jean-Pierre Lopez —
3 (5) SOTONIAN (T Dean) Mrs L Stubbs 9-0 M McAndrew —
4 (2) 025-640 CHALICE 16 (Mrs J Balding) J Balding 8-9 J Edmunds (7) [illegible]
5 (4) 02- GYMCRAK GEM 255 (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Club) G Holmes 8-9 K Fallon 90
6 (6) 60 MADRINA 30 (Skyline Racing Ltd) J Berry 8-9 L Charnock 86
7 (9) 04 MATAM 15 (Miss V Foster) M W Easterby 8-9 G Parkin (5) 91
8 (3) 6 NATTIER 15 (G Shropshire) M Prescott 8-9 C Nutter 85
9 (8) 363000- SUPERFRILLS 214 (Podso Racing) Miss L Siddall 8-9 D McKeown 74

BETTING: 11-4 Gymcrak Gem, 4-1 Arch Enemy, 5-1 Chalice, 11-2 Matam, 6-1 Longwick Lad, 7-1 Nattier, 12-1 Madrina, 16-1 others

1995: SURPRISE MISSION 9-0 A Culhane (9-2) R Whitaker 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Wragg	14	47	29.8	W Ryan	20	144	13.9
H Cecil	20	79	25.3	N Carlisle	8	76	10.5
D Loder	6	29	20.7	Only qualifiers			
H Thomson Jones	7	39	17.9				
Mrs J Cecil	5	31	16.1				
J Dunlop	17	114	14.9				

COURSE SPECIALISTS

CARTMEL: Trainers: M Barnes, 7 winners from 13 runners, 53.8%; D Moffatt, 7 from 22, 31.8%; G Moore, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Denys Smith, 4 from 18, 22.2%; J J O'Neill, 4 from 18, 22.2%; M Hammond, 3 from 19, 15.8%. Jockeys: R Guest, 7 winners from 17 rides, 41.2%; A Dobbin, 7 from 19, 36.8%; D J Moffatt, 7 from 25, 28%; L O'Hara, 3 from 12, 25.0%; W Worthington, 5 from 41, 12.2%.

HEXHAM: Trainers: Denys Smith, 7 winners from 36 runners, 19.4%; J Johnson, 12 from 71, 16.9%; W Reed, 9 from 61, 14.8%; G Moore, 9 from 65, 13.8%; M Hammond, 14 from 103, 13.6%; P Beaumont, 6 from 50, 12.0%. Jockeys: N Leach, 3 winners from 12 rides, 25.0%; P Niven, 22 from 90, 24.4%; T Reed, 26 from 109, 23.9%; J Burke, 4 from 25, 16.0%; M Dwyer, 9 from 57, 15.8%.

LINGFIELD PARK: Trainers: L Cumani, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; Lady Herries, 6 from 29, 20.7%; M Prescott, 23 from 115, 20.0%; Mrs J Cecil, 7 from 36, 19.4%; M Bell, 14 from 77, 18.2%; W O'Gorman, 31 from 177, 17.5%; M Johnston, 42 from 250, 16.8%. Jockeys: Emma O'Gorman, 35 winners from 173 rides, 20.2%; R Cochrane, 73 from 416, 17.5%; J Reid, 21 from 141, 14.9%; M Henry, 4 from 27, 14.8%; G Duffield, 25 from 206, 12.1%.

CARTMEL

THUNDERERER

2.10 Highland Way. 2.40 Judicial Field. 3.10 Grate Deel. 3.40 Houselope Beck. 4.10 Lemon's Mill. 4.40 Ham N'Eggs.

Carl Evans: 3.40 Houselope Beck.

GOING. GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.10 CROWTHER HOMES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,360: 2m 1f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 612- TIRMIZI 258F (S) Mrs A Swinbank 5-12-0 J Supple (3)
2 0502 STASH THE CASH 9 (G,S) T Dyer 5-11-9 D Parker (3)
3 4215 HIGHLAND WAY 16 (BF,G) M Todhunter 8-11-2 A Dobbin
4 P-55 KARINSKA 14F M Chapman 6-11-1 W Worthington
5 0165 MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 6F (F,G) M Hammond 10-11-0 R Garritty
6 4420 ORDOG MOR 7 M Meagher 7-10-12 B Harding
7 53-0 RED BEACON 80 J Goulding 9-10-8 D Bentley
8 P525 CADEAUX PREMIERE 22 (F) Denys Smith 5-10-1 R Guest
9 -P03 GRANDERISE 9 D Swindlehurst 6-10-0 L O'Hara

5-2 Stash The Cash, 7-2 Karinska, 9-2 Highland Way, 5-1 Red Beacon, 7-1 Master Ofthe House, 8-1 Tirmizi, 14-1 Granderise, 16-1 others

2.40 MARTEN JULIAN TURF CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,905: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 3342 JUDICIAL FIELD 10 (B,F,S) N Tinkler 7-11-10 G Bradley
2 6214 PORT IN A STORM 21 (S) M Hammond 7-11-5 R Garritty
3 P215 GROUSE-N-HEATHER 24 (BF,S) P Monteith 7-11-1 A Dobbin
4 044P BOETHIUS 16 M Barnes 7-10-11 P Waggott

6-4 Grouse-N-Heather, 7-4 Judicial Field, 5-2 Port In A Storm, 12-1 Boethius.

3.10 LAURENT PERRIER CHAMPAGNE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,528: 2m 6f) (15)

1 13F1 SLAUGHT SON 7 (F,G) R Fisher 8-11-10 F Leahy (3)
2 0145 GRATE DEEL 19 (B,F) P Beaumont 6-11-6 C Maude
3 4200 BUCKLEY BOYS 8 (G) Mrs L Williamson 5-11-5 T Kent
4 P421 CLASSIC CREST 16 (V,F) G Moore 5-11-5 N Bentley
5 3P5P SOUL TRADER 21 (G) N Babbage 7-11-4 G Bradley
6 2413 NIJWAY 22 (S) M Barnes 6-11-3 P Waggott
7 6033 VILPRANO 16 D Moffatt 5-11-2 D J Moffatt
8 100P DALUSMAN 9 (F) J Bickell 5-11-1 L O'Hara
9 0435 MARCO MAGNIFICO 10 (F) T Dyer 6-10-13 A Linton (7)
10 -000 ANOTHER FOUNTAIN 61 J Dixon 10-10-13 A Dobbin
11 300- CITY KING 404 M Todhunter 5-10-5 A S Smith
12 00-4 MAYO MAN 7 M Meagher 7-10-4 B Harding
13 0320 BARNSTORMER 21 (G) E Elliott 10-10-3 D Parker (3)
14 06U0 ARTHUR BEE 22 B Bousfield 9-10-0 G Lee (3)
15 /0 SKIPLAM WOOD 21 S Chadwick 10-10-0 F Perratt

11-4 Slaught Son, 7-2 Nijway, 4-1 Classic Crest, 9-2 Vilprano, 5-1 Marco Magnifico, 10-1 Mayo Man, 12-1 others

3.40 CAFFREY'S MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,008: 3m 2f) (15)

1 /FPF ANDRETTI'S HEIR 28P T Sharpe 10-12-0 A Bonson (7)
2 36P5 CROMWELL POINT 7 (G,S) S Wiles 10-12-0 C Mulhall (7)
3 2252 EASTLANDS HI-LIGHT 21P (G) J Staveley 7-12-0 T Morrison (7)
4 2 EMU PARK 6P J Thompson 8-12-0 P Craggs
5 21P4 FELL MIST 7 (F,G,S) R Teague 13-12-0 Miss A Sykes (7)
6 3454 GEN-TECH 9 (S) D Chapman 9-12-0 A Gribbin (7)
7 P5U3 GOOD PROFIT 14P W Young 7-12-0 R Shiels (7)
8 0-1 HEKNOWYOU 35P (G) Miss S Robertson 8-12-0 R Ford (7)
9 312U HOUSELOPE BECK 6P (S) G Whale 6-12-0 A Robson (7)
10 11F JR-KAY 21P (G,S) Mrs A Farrell 6-12-0 N Bannister (7)
11 1312 PENNINE VIEW 35P (F,G,S) J Dixon 9-12-0 Mrs J Williamson (5)
12 3211 PURE MADNESS 14P (F,G) M Brown 6-12-0 R Edwards (7)
13 /P45 BIRTLEY GIRL 21 (G) D Hutchinson 12-11-9 R Hale (5)
14 1R43 STILLTODO 9 (S) C Wilson 9-11-9 A Parker (7)
15 3U15 WIRE LASS 6P (F,S) K Robson 12-11-9 R Morgan (7)

4-1 Pennine View, 11-2 Jr-Kay, 6-1 Houselope Beck, 7-1 Pure Madness, Wire Lass, 8-1 Fell Mist, Heknowyou, 12-1 others.

4.10 STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING NOVICES CHASE
(£2,923: 3m 2f) (4)

1 4112 LEMON'S MILL 14 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-10 D Bridgwater
2 3236 EAST HOUSTON 7 (F,G) J J O'Neill 7-11-9 A Roche (3)
3 0PP FARADAY 7 (B) D McCain 6-11-3 D McCain
4 P22P DESERT MIST 5 (F,G) Miss L Shally 7-10-12 P Waggott

4-7 Lemon's Mill, 6-4 East Houston, 14-1 Desert Mist, 33-1 Faraday.

4.40 NORTH WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES HURDLE (£2,880: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 5121 INDIAN JOCKEY 10 (D,F) M Pipe 4-12-2 D Walsh (3)
2 531 HAM N'EGGS 39 (G) M Hammond 5-11-9 R Garritty
3 0P03 NONIOS 16 (F) G Moore 5-11-9 T Hogg (7)
4 20PP CROFTON LAKE 40 J Dixon 8-11-3 F Perratt
5 000 FOLLOW DE CALL 7 D McCain 6-11-3 D McCain
6 5 KIERCHEM 7 R Fisher 5-11-3 F Leahy (3)
7 0020 MULLINS 24 D Moffatt 5-11-3 D J Moffatt
8 33 SEA GOD 10 M Chapman 5-11-3 W Worthington
9 0F4 TIOTAO 9 C Parker 6-11-3 D Parker (3)

6-4 Indian Jockey, 5-2 Ham N'Eggs, 7-2 Nonios, 8-1 Tiotao, 12-1 Kierchem, 14-1 Sea God, 20-1 others

HEXHAM

THUNDERERER

2.15 The Killaloe Run. 2.45 Abbeylands. 3.15 Souson. 3.45 Overflowing River. 4.15 Mobile Miss. 4.45 Le Mezeray.

Carl Evans: 4.45 Knowe Head.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,688: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

1 1352 CHERRY POKEY 10 (C,F) D Alder 9-11-10 A Thornton
2 P BLACKDALE BOY 17 P Beaumont 5-11-2 R Supple
3 CRASHBALLOO P Cheesbrough 5-11-2 G Cahill (3)
4 HARD TO FIND P Beaumont 5-11-2 B Grattan (7)
5 300P ROBARA 30 S Leadbetter 6-11-2 N Leach
6 000 RUM REBEL 40 F Walton 5-11-2 B Storey
7 00P CELTIC COMMA 9 W Reed 5-10-11 T Reed
8 025 THE KILLALOE RUN 87 J Jefferson 5-10-11 M Dwyer
9 00 SIGNOR NORTONE 16 D Whillans 4-10-10 R Johnson

2-1 Cherry Pokey, 11-4 The Killaloe Run, 7-2 Crashballoo, 4-1 Hard To Find, 8-1 Rum Rebel, 12-1 Robara, 33-1 others

2.45 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICES CHASE
(£2,135: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 -500 ABBEYLANDS 22 J Howard Johnson 8-11-2 P Carberry
2 U5P5 BORING 16 W Storey 7-11-2 R McGrath (5)
3 4433 EXCISE MAN 10 (G) F Walton 8-11-2 B Storey
4 6545 JUST MOLLY 88 W Reed 9-10-11 T Reed
5 /PP LAKESIDE LASS 39 B Ellison 10-10-11 G Cahill (3)
6 0PPP SHEER GIFT 10 J Bickell 7-10-11 M Moloney

5-4 Boring, 7-4 Excise Man, 3-1 Abbeylands, 14-1 Just Molly, 50-1 Lakeside Lass, Sheer Gift.

3.15 BUCHANAN ORIGINAL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,005: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 61P4 WELL APPOINTED 9 (F) B Mactaggart 7-11-10 B Storey
2 5321 TOPOTHENORTHRACING 9 (D,F,S) P Beaumont 6-11-8 R Supple
3 4302 VAL DE RAMA 16 (F,G) Denys Smith 7-11-7 P Niven
4 4120 SOUSON 16 (B,CD,F,G) J Wade 8-11-3 K Jones
5 5630 NICHOLAS PLANT 9 (CD,S) J Goldie 7-11-0 G Cahill (3)
6 0311 RASCALLY 33 (CD,G) Miss L Siddall 6-10-11 A Thornton
7 2R01 IN A MOMENT 21 (C,S) T Barron 5-10-2 J Callaghan
8 1-00 DARK SILHOUETTE 12 (G) O Brennan 7-10-0 M Brennan

5-2 Topothenorthracing, 7-2 Well Appointed, 9-2 Rascally, 5-1 Souson, Val De Rama, 6-1 Nicholas Plant, 12-1 others.

3.45 LCL PILS LAGER HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,448: 3m 1f) (9)

1 33U0 MUTUAL TRUST 29 (CD,F,G,S) P Bowen 12-12-0 R Johnson
2 2322 GOLDEN FIDDLE 9 (S) J Oliver 8-11-2 B Storey
3 2-05 ROYAL VACATION 19 (C,D,F,G) G Moore 7-11-0 J Callaghan
4 P34P MAJIC RAIN 35 (CD,F,G,S) B Ellison 11-11-0 G Cahill (3)
5 1P0- BENNAN MARCH 21P (CD,G,S) P Beaumont 9-10-10 R Supple
6 2463 OFF THE BRU 9 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 11-10-10 Mr M Bradburne (7)
7 -411 OVERFLOWING RIVER 16 (CD,F,G) J Wade 7-10-6 A Thornton
8 4223 CAROUSEL ROCKET 24 (F,G,S) M Hammond 13-10-6 Mr C Bonner (3)
9 4PP5 LAURIE-O 40 (C,F,G,S) D Lamb 12-10-0 J Burke

9-4 Overflowing River, 3-1 Golden Fiddle, 7-2 Off The Bru, 4-1 Carousel Rocket, 12-1 Royal Vacation, 16-1 Mutual Trust, Bennan March, 25-1 others.

4.15 KEOGHAN'S ALE MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,534: 2m) (6)

1 4412 LEVEL EDGE 9 (G) H Alexander 5-11-10 R McGrath (5)
2 6055 MOBILE MISS 16 (F) S Pittendrigh 5-11-4 M Dwyer
3 580 LAGO LAGO 22 W McKeown 4-10-6 G Cahill (3)
4 0PSP COQUET GOLD 16 F Walton 5-10-1 B Storey
5 -00P DAISY DAYS 30 (S) J Howard Johnson 6-10-0 P Carberry
6 -P60 FAUSTINLUCE LADY 9 W Smith 7-10-0 S Taylor (7)

4-5 Level Edge, 7-4 Mobile Miss, 8-1 Faustinluce Lady, 10-1 Daisy Days, 40-1 Lago Lago, 50-1 Coquet Gold

4.45 FLYING ACE HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,440: 2m 4f 110yd) (15)

1 -114 LITTLE WENLOCK 9 (F,S) Mrs D Gibson 12-12-7 Mrs V Jackson (5)
2 432P TARTAN TORNADO 6P (F,G) Mrs P Laws 10-12-7 P Johnson (5)
3 2442 CHAPEL ISLAND 14P (G,S) E Tuer 9-12-0 P Atkinson (7)
4 L718 CUMBERLAND BLUES 7 (F,G) I Lockwood 7-12-0 Miss A Deniel (7)
5 -P50 FISHERMAN'S QUAY 6P (F) D Fairbairn 12-12-0 Miss A Bowie (7)
6 4PU4 FLYPE 6P Mrs J Storey 8-12-0 C Storey (5)
7 2642 JOHN CORBET 19P (CD,F,S) T Fawcett 13-12-0 Miss S Brotherton (7)
8 -826 JOLLY FELLOW 6P (B) S Wiles 12-12-0 N Wilson (5)
9 3235 KNOWE HEAD 14P (F,G,S) Miss C Blakeborough 12-12-0 S Brisby (7)
10 3P2P POLITICAL ISSUE 37 (F,S) T Robson 12-12-0 J Walton
11 RP53 ROYALIST 6P (F,G,S) R Kyle 10-12-0 Mrs C Amos (7)
12 FPP00 SOME FLASH 16 (S) S Robinson 9-12-0 Simon Robinson (7)
13 22U2 THE YOKEL 17 T Peake 10-12-0 J Davies (7)
14 3635 GAY VIXEN VI 14P (F) F Corbett 11-11-9 T Scott (7)
15 2533 LA MEZERAY 14P (F,G,S) Mrs J Hawkins 8-11-9 Mrs J Hawkins (7)

7-4 Little Wenlock, 3-1 Knowe Head, 6-1 John Corbet, 7-1 Political Issue, 8-1 Royalist, 10-1 The Yokel, 14-1 others.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERERER

7.00 Wardara. 7.30 Dragonjoy. 8.00 Penmar. 8.30 Red Phantom. 9.00 Run Lucy Run. 9.30 Quinzii Martin.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

7.00 EDGBASTON FILLIES HANDICAP
(£2,243: 5f) (13 runners)

1 0033 WARDARA 14 (V,BF,G,S) C Dwyer 4-10-0 A Whelan (3) 8
2 4-30 WASBLEST 16 (D,G) J Berry 4-9-11 P Roberts (5) 13
3 0354 LITTLE SABOTEUR 16 (B,D,F,G,S) P Makin 7-9-10 A Clark 3
4 -400 SUBFUSK 28 (C,G) W G M Turner 3-9-7 T Sprake 6
5 -440 FYORS GIFT 16 (BF) B Hanbury 3-9-7 J Stack (3) 2
6 25-0 ASHKERNAZY 5 (D,F) N Berry 5-9-5 A Eddery (7) 1
7 0004 DELROB 14 (CD,F,G) D Haydn Jones 5-9-2 A Mackay 7
8 2060 MARGARETROSE ANNA 47 (B) P Evans 4-9-1 J Fortune 10
9 3160 DHES-C 31 (C,G) R Hollinshead 3-9-1 D Griffiths (5) 12
10 -020 BELINDA BLUE 25 R Fahey 4-9-1 D Harrison 4
11 0-00 FRECKLES KELLY 8 (D,F) T Easterby 4-9-1 M Birch 5
12 0015 NAPIER STAR 23 (G) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-12 C Teague (3) 11
13 0100 HIGHLAND FAWN 23 (CD,G) B McMahon 3-8-10 G Carter 9

7-2 Wardara, 4-1 Napier Star, 6-1 Delrob, 7-1 Little Saboteur, 8-1 Ashkernazy, Wasblest, 10-1 Dhes-C, 12-1 others.

7.30 TRENT BRIDGE CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,070: 1m 100yd) (11)

1 0020 CLASSIC VICTORY 28 (B,F) R Harris 9-4 A Mackay 5
2 05 PENYGARN GUV'NOR 15 J Glover 9-4 S D Williams 4
3 00 IN CAHOOTS 14 A Newcombe 9-0 D Harrison 2
4 3210 DANCO 8 (D,S) S Williams 8-12 K Fallon 11
5 CROWN AND CUSHION K Bridgwater 8-10 V Slattery 1
6 6-20 PRIMO LAD 32 W G M Turner 8-10 A Clark 10
7 00-0 AFRICAN SUN 7 B Hanbury 8-8 J Stack (3) 8
8 1125 DRAGONJOY 52 (B,BF,G) J Payne 8-8 A McGlone 7
9 00 BOBALUNA 16 R Marvin 8-6 T Ashley (7) 3
10 -000 ECCENTRIC DANCER 14 M Bielby 8-3 J Fanning 9
11 364- WEE TINKERBELL 346 (V) R Juckes 7-13 D Wright (3) 6

2-1 Dragonjoy, 3-1 Danco, 5-1 Primo Lad, 7-1 Wee Tinkerbell, 8-1 Crown And Cushion, 10-1 African Sun, 12-1 others.

8.00 S J DIXON & SON MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,236: 1m 1f 79yd) (13)

1 46-0 AFRICAN-PARD 19 D Haydn Jones 4-10-0 A Mackay 7
2 20-5 PENMAR 14 T Etherington 4-9-8 L Charnock 5
3 0-03 HORNPIPE 31 J Wharton 4-9-5 K Fallon 2
4 2230 SCHOOL BOY 18 T Naughton 3-9-5 D Harrison 8
5 0453 ZAALEFF 7 (B) B Hanbury 4-9-0 J Stack (3) 3
6 000- SAMARA SONG 241 W G M Turner 3-8-11 T Sprake 10
7 -452 SPORTING RISK 14 P Harris 4-8-7 G Hind 1
8 -340 ROSTAQ 25 (B) D Murray Smith 3-8-7 J Fortune 12
9 0-34 FLASH IN THE PAN 15 (BF) M Bell 3-8-6 M Fenton 4
10 0-60 UNDAWATERSCUBADIVA 12 M Bielby 4-8-4 L Newton (5) 9
11 -002 PHANTOM DANCER 30 J Berry 3-8-3 P Fessey (5) 6
12 60-0 REMONTANT 45 R Hollinshead 4-7-12 J Fanning 11
13 -000 VOICES IN THE SKY 19 A Newcombe 5-7-11 Iona Wands (7) 13

7-2 Sporting Risk, 5-1 School Boy, 6-1 Hornpipe, 7-1 Zaaleff, 8-1 Phantom Dancer, 10-1 Flash In The Pan, 12-1 others

8.30 FOLEY STEELSTOCK HANDICAP
(£2,950: 1m 4f) (9)

1 1005 PREMIER DANCE 28 (CD,F,G) D Haydn Jones 9-9-12 Anthony Bond (7) 8
2 1260 STEVIE'S WONDER 14 (C,D,G,S) B Llewellyn 6-9-11 V Slattery 7
3 11-0 RED PHANTOM 23 (C,D,G) S Mellor 4-9-10 M Wigham 9
4 2151 CUBAN NIGHTS 16 (CD,G) B Llewellyn 4-9-10 T Williams 6
5 0-01 WELL ARRANGED 14 (C,G,S) R Akehurst 5-9-9 T Ashley (7) 2
6 123- BROOM ISLE 387 (CD,F,G) D Burchell 8-9-6 L Charnock 3
7 2110 IN THE MONEY 18 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 7-9-5 D Griffiths (5) 4
8 0633 LOCOROTONDO 38 (F,G,S) M Bell 5-9-4 M Fenton 5
9 5030 CHARLIE BIGTIME 8 (CD,F,G) R Harris 6-8-10 A Mackay 1

2-1 Well Arranged, 4-1 Cuban Nights, 6-1 Broom Isle, 7-1 Stevie's Wonder, 8-1 Premier Dance, Locorotondo, 10-1 In The Money, 12-1 others.

9.00 LORDS FILLIES SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,208: 6f) (5)

1 2133 CONTRAVENE 7 (F) J Berry 9-0 P Roberts (5) 4
2 CLASSIC LADY R Hollinshead 8-9 D Griffiths (5) 3
3 3322 EKATERINI PARITSI 7 (B,BF) W G M Turner 8-9 T Sprake 1
4 3064 RAHONA 12 (B) B Rothwell 8-9 M Fenton 2
5 522 RUN LUCY RUN 12 R Guest 8-9 L Charnock 5

7-4 Ekaterini Paritsi, 5-2 Run Lucy Run, 3-1 Contravene, 8-1 others.

9.30 OLD TRAFFORD HANDICAP (£2,070: 7f) (12)

1 6500 JIGSAW BOY 3 (CD,F,G,S) P Murphy 7-9-10 S Drowne (3) 9
2 1000 ALL APOLOGIES 42 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-5 D Griffiths (5) 6
3 00-0 PRIVATE FIXTURE 42 (D,G) D Marks 5-9-4 D Harrison 4
4 2300 DISCO BOY 23 (C,G) P Evans 6-9-2 J Fortune 10
5 3230 QUINZII MARTIN 14 (V,CD,G) D Haydn Jones 8-9-0 A Mackay 7
6 10-0 INDIAN RHAPSODY 9 (B,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 4-8-13 Angela Gallimore (7) 2
7 0-24 SILVER WELCOME 19 (D,F) T Easterby 3-8-12 M Birch 12
8 4121 PANTHER 12 (C,F,G,S) J Hetherton 6-8-10 K Fallon 1
9 454- DOME PATROL 375J (D,G) D Burchell 5-8-8 L Charnock 8
10 00/6 EVENING BRIGADIER 14 N Babbage 5-8-8 G Hind 5
11 400- LOTTIES BID 255 (B) J Glover 4-8-6 A Whelan (3) 11
12 3542 JON'S CHOICE 14 (CD,G) B Preece 8-8-5 D Wright (3) 3

3-1 Panther, 4-1 Silver Welcome, 5-1 Disco Boy, 6-1 Jigsaw Boy, 7-1 Dome Patrol, 8-1 All Apologies, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Dwyer, 3 winners from 13 runners, 23.1%; J Glover, 9 from 41, 22.0%; M Bell, 7 from 34, 20.6%; S Williams, 9 from 46, 19.6%; R Guest, 5 from 26, 19.2%; J Berry, 33 from 207, 15.9%; P Makin, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: G Carter, 24 winners from 133 rides, 18%; T Sprake, 7 from 45, 15.6%; D Wright, 22 from 179, 12.3%; G Hind, 5 from 42, 11.9%; D Harrison, 14 from 121, 11.6%; K Fallon, 5 from 43, 11.6%; J Fortune, 9 from 79, 11.4%

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERERER

6.10 Ood Dancer. 6.40 Milngavie. 7.10 Maserati Monk. 7.40 Halliard. 8.10 Castan. 8.40 Distinct Beauty.

GOING: GOOD (TURF COURSE); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER)
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.10 HALL APPRENTICES MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,473: 1m 2f) (4 runners)

1 0 CLAIRE'S DANCER 23 A Turnell 8-11 C Scudder 2
2 003 OOD DANCER 19 L Cumani 8-11 R Ffrench (3) 4
3 6-00 MOVING UP 57 G L Moore 8-6 A Lakeman (3) 1
4 0040 SUPREME ILLUSION 16 (B) John Berry 8-6 Amy Quirk (8) 3

1-3 Ood Dancer, 4-1 Supreme Illusion, 8-1 Claire's Dancer, 12-1 Moving Up.

6.40 PATIO SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,343: 2m) (10)

1 -025 CHAKALAK 14 (D,F,G) S Dow 8-9-10 R Hughes 5
2 0/5 UNSUSPICIOUS 14 C Broad 6-9-5 D O'Shea 4
3 0233 MILNGAVIE 100 (CD,BF,F,G,S) B Smart 6-9-1 R Cochrane 2
4 1634 JULIASDARKINVADER 39 (CD,G) A Moore 6-9-1 Dane O'Neill (3) 1
5 0-00 BRICK COURT 3 R Johnson Houghton 4-9-0 S Sanders 8
6 000 ELA-MENT 7 B Pearce 4-8-13 P McCabe (3) 9
7 1050 SORISKY 100 (C,G) B Gubby 4-8-12 G Bardwell 7
8 -610 PEARL ANNIVERSARY 7 (G) M Johnston 3-8-7 G Duffield 10
9 0030 HEVER GOLF DIAMOND 16 T Naughton 3-8-6 D Biggs 3
10 2020 SUPAROY 26 T Mills 3-8-1 F Norton 6

3-1 Pearl Anniversary, 4-1 Chakalak, 9-2 Juliasdarkinvader, 5-1 Hever Golf Diamond, 6-1 Milngavie, 10-1 Unsuspicious, Suparoy, 12-1 others.

7.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND LINGFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,650: 6f) (7)

1 AFICIONADO R Johnson Houghton 9-0 G Duffield 3
2 2 EATON PARK 15 R Akehurst 9-0 S Sanders 6
3 INDIAN ROCKET J Dunlop 9-0 R Hughes 1
4 LANCASHIRE KNIGHT S Dow 9-0 F Norton 2
5 2 MASERATI MONK 9 B Meehan 9-0 J Reid 5
6 RISCATTO W Muir 9-0 Dane O'Neill (3) 7
7 SECRET PASS E Dunlop 9-0 R Cochrane 4

2-1 Maserati Monk, 5-2 Indian Rocket, 7-2 Eaton Park, 7-1 Secret Pass, 12-1 Aficionado, 16-1 Riscatto, Lancashire Knight

7.40 BANNISTER HANDICAP (£3,070: 5f) (11)

1 -000 ASHTINA 14 (C,D,F,G,S) B Pearce 11-10-0 P McCabe (3) 7
2 04-0 KILDEE LAD 5 (D,F,G) A Jones 6-9-13 J Reid 6
3 32/0 KING OF MUNSTER 20 Mrs J Cecil 4-9-9 G Duffield 8
4 2115 AWASHA 6 (CD,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-9 R Cochrane 10
5 0061 HALLIARD 7 (CD,F,G) T Jones 5-9-3 R Perham 5
6 0460 LA BELLE DOMINIQUE 14 S Knight 4-8-11 S Sanders 1
7 5-01 JUDGEMENT CALL 15 (CD,F,G) P Howling 9-8-10 F Norton 3
8 000- PRIDE OF HAYLING 177J (F) P Hedger 5-8-9 N Varley (3) 2
9 6130 ROWLANDSONS STUD 25 (C,G) A Moore 3-8-7 Dane O'Neill (3) 11
10 -060 MIDNIGHT COOKIE 25 B Pearce 3-8-3 G Bardwell 9
11 0/00 TAUBER 47 (CD,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 12-7-11 M Henry (5) 4

5-2 Awasha, 7-2 Judgement Call, 9-2 Halliard, 7-1 La Belle Dominique, 10-1 Kildee Lad, Pride Of Hayling, 12-1 Ashtina, 14-1 others

8.10 SUN PUNTERS CLUB HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,960: 1m 2f) (6)

1 4161 LAW DANCER 28 (G) T Mills 9-7 Mark Lynch 2
2 2-34 SILVER WING 19 M Bell 9-7 R Cochrane 4
3 00-6 CASTAN 32 J Dunlop 8-13 G Duffield 3
4 -501 YOUNG BUTT 3 (G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11 (5ex) M Henry (5) 5
5 00-6 DOUBLE UP 25 Lady Herries 8-8 D O'Shea 1
6 0-01 SOUND CHECK 8 (F) B Meehan 8-5 S Sanders 6

9-4 Sound Check, 7-2 Young Butt, 9-2 Law Dancer, 5-1 Silver Wing, 6-1 others

8.40 KING POST LIMITED STAKES
(All-weather: £3,125: 1m 2f) (8)

1 2643 FOUR OF SPADES 12 (V,C,F,G) P Evans 5-9-9 Amanda Sanders (5) 2
2 1025 REAL MADRID 88 (V,CD,G,S) G Enright 5-9-9 N Varley (3) 4
3 350- DIRECT DIAL 323 J Toller 4-9-7 S Sanders 6
4 02-0 FLOW BACK 19 G Enright 4-9-7 R Cochrane 3
5 46-6 OUR EDDIE 57 (V,CD,G) B Gubby 7-9-7 R Perham 1
6 23-3 SHARPICAL 8 (BF,F) M Prescott 4-9-7 G Duffield 5
7 2651 DISTINCT BEAUTY 12 (V,CD,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-8 Emma O'Gorman 7
8 665R YELLOW DRAGON 15 B Pearce 3-8-7 M Henry (5) 8

5-4 Sharpical, 3-1 Four Of Spades, 5-1 Distinct Beauty, 7-1 Direct Dial, 8-1 Real Madrid, Flow Back, 10-1 others

WARWICK

THUNDERERER

6.25 Risky Romeo. 6.50 Out On A Promise. 7.20 Kinnescash. 7.50 Civil Liberty. 8.20 Ruby Princess. 8.50 Stompin.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.25 LEAM HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £2,931: 1m) (23 runners)

1 6-10 RISKY ROMEO 16 (CD,F,G) G Bravery 4-11-7 K Santana (5) 5
2 4003 WENTBRIDGE LAD 16 (V,D,F,G,S) P Evans 6-11-6 W McLaughlin (5) 17
3 2160 KINGCHIP BOY 3 (V,D,F,G) M Ryan 7-11-6 S Lavallin (5) 13
4 6-04 PRUDENT PRINCESS 12 A Hide 4-11-3 Miss L Hide 9
5 2144 BENJAMINS LAW 115 (D,G) J Pickering 5-10-9 Miss E George (5) 10
6 2422 MONTONE 15 (V,F,G,S) J Jenkins 6-10-5 M Mannish (5) 21
7 000- RIPSNORTER 162 (D,G,S) K Bishop 7-10-5 Miss A Purdy (5) 12
8 32-0 CUBAN REEF 24 (G) W Musson 4-10-4 M Burrows (5) 3
9 -000 ROSEATE LODGE 14 (D,F,G) S Kettlewell 10-10-4 Mrs D Kettlewell 16
10 005- PUSEY STREET BOY 124J (CD,F,G,S) J Bosley 9-10-3 Mrs S Bosley 22
11 -800 SPECTACLE JIM 19 (B,G) M Haynes 7-10-3 Miss Y Haynes 6
12 -500 TONY'S MIST 26 (D,G,S) J Bradley 6-10-3 Miss L Kerr (5) 7
13 2306 LOVE LEGEND 14 (F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 11-10-3 Mrs D Arbuthnot 4
14 5300 DREAM CARRIER 26 (B,F,G) R Peacock 8-10-2 Mrs C Peacock (5) 18
15 0000 LEGAL DRAMA 17J John Berry 4-10-2 V Coogan (5) 15
16 60-0 AIR COMMAND 84J (CD,G,S) C Nash 6-10-0 P Phillips (5) 2
17 -006 LADY SABINA 30 (G) W Musson 6-9-12 T McCarthy 11
18 -000 LILA PEDIGO 19 (B) Miss J Craze 3-9-12 W Wenyon (5) 20
19 0000 ASTERIX 6 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 8-9-11 Mrs L Pearce 19
20 0/0 PRINCE ROONEY 80 (D,F,G,S) P Butler 8-9-11 J Goldstein (5) 8
21 0/0- LITTLE LUKE 485 (G) P Butler 5-9-11 I Mongan (5) 1
22 0050 BREEZED WELL 14 (D,F,G) B Cambidge 10-9-9 Mrs H Noonan (5) 14
23 1320 DON'T DROP BOMBS 65 (V,D,F,G) D Thom 7-9-8 Miss J Feilden 23

6-1 Wentbridge Lad, 7-1 Kingchip Boy, 8-1 Risky Romeo, 10-1 Love Legend, 12-1 Montone, 14-1 Pusey Street Boy, 16-1 others

6.50 WEATHERBYS INSURANCE SERVICES HANDICAP (£4,078: 1m 2f 169yd) (13)

1 04-6 DEANO'S BEENO 6 (F) M Johnston 4-10-0 T Williams 9
2 -000 OUT ON A PROMISE 25 (F,G) N Walker 4-9-13 W J O'Connor 13
3 1-02 ANOTHER TIME 26 (F,G) S Woods 4-9-9 Martin Dwyer (5) 8
4 40-0 EMILY-MOU 8 (F,G,S) M Ryan 4-9-8 M Baird (5) 5
5 0-00 TYPHOON EIGHT 26 (B) B Hills 4-9-8 J D Smith (5) 6
6 6-00 TAPPETO 12 (F) H Candy 4-9-8 C Rutter 2
7 6-60 DORMY THREE 9 (F,G) R Hodges 6-9-2 A Culhane 7
8 -300 MYFONTAINE 19 (CD,BF,F,G,S) K Ivory 9-8-13 J Carroll 1
9 2013 HAND OF STRAW 10J (V,CD,G) P Murphy 4-8-10 N Adams 10
10 00-0 AUGUSTAN 6 (V,F) S Gollings 5-8-4 V Halliday 11
11 006- SUN CIRCUS 219 J Spearing 4-8-2 S Drowne (3) 3
12 0-00 SARASOTA STORM 18 (V,D,S) M Bell 4-8-1 P Robinson 4
13 0500 ILANDRA 88 R Akehurst 4-7-13 J F Egan 12

3-1 Another Time, 6-1 Deano's Beeno, 7-1 Myfontaine, 8-1 Tappeto, Hand Of Straw, 10-1 Typhoon Eight, Sarasota Storm, 14-1 others.

7.20 RADWAY CLAIMING STAKES
SKY

(3-Y-O: £2,690: 1m 2f 169yd) (9)

1 -000 KINNESCASH 25 (F,S) M Saunders 8-11 R Price 3
2 0-06 FORLIANDO 42 M Saunders 8-9 N Adams 7
3 0140 SUNLEY SECURE 12 (BF,S) M Channon 8-9 Paul Eddery 6
4 0-80 CRY BABY 26 (B) N Tinkler 8-6 J Carroll 4
5 4 LEBEDINSKI 14 Mrs P Sly 8-6 A Culhane 9
6 0 ALANA'S BALLAD 19 B Baugh 8-2 P Robinson 5
7 0-0 FRIENDLY DREAMS 26 P Dalton 8-2 J F Egan 1
8 6340 RADMORE BRANDY 26 N Littmoden 8-1 N Carlisle 2
9 6006 WINGNUT 16 (B,G) M Haynes 7-13 J Quinn 8

7-4 Sunley Secure, 3-1 Kinnescash, 11-2 Cry Baby, 13-2 Lebedinski, 8-1 others

7.50 WATCH SECURITY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,948: 7f) (12)
SKY

1 FLEETING FOOTSTEPS M Polglase 4-9-10 W Hollick 5
2 SEVERN MILL 170J J Bradley 5-9-10 S Drowne (3) 6
3 MULLAHS PET A Streeter 4-9-5 R Havlin (5) 12
4 62-2 CIVIL LIBERTY 47 (BF) G Lewis 3-8-13 Paul Eddery 3
5 DUEL AT DAWN J Gosden 3-8-13 W Ryan 9
6 -246 IAMUS 9 P Walwyn 3-8-13 J Carroll 2
7 00- IRISH KINSMAN 163 P Walwyn 3-8-13 T Quinn 10
8 30 MELLOW MASTER 7 N Walker 3-8-13 W J O'Connor 11
9 PANATA L Cumani 3-8-8 O Urbina 1
10 00 PUSEY STREET GIRL 19 J Bosley 3-8-8 Aimee Cook (7) 4
11 QUEEN'S CHARTER M Barraclough 3-8-8 M Baird (5) 7
12 SERAPE H Candy 3-8-8 C Rutter 8

2-1 Civil Liberty, 3-1 Duel At Dawn, 4-1 Iamus, 6-1 Panata, Serape, 9-1 others

8.20 SANDRETTO MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,016: 5f) (8)
SKY

1 CHAMPAGNE TOAST R Hannon 9-0 J Carroll 5
2 DEEP FINESSE M Jarvis 9-0 P Robinson 1
3 3 DIVE MASTER 12 C Murray 9-0 M Tebbutt 4
4 3 DOUBLE-J 6 K McAuliffe 9-0 J F Egan 6
5 0 MASTER FOLEY 14 N Littmoden 9-0 T G McLaughlin 7
6 0 MERCILESS COP 6 B Meehan 9-0 J Quinn 8
7 TURTLE MOON M Tompkins 9-0 Paul Eddery 2
8 RUBY PRINCESS P Cole 8-9 T Quinn 3

5-2 Champagne Toast, 3-1 Ruby Princess, Double-J, 9-2 Dive Master, 8-1 others

8.50 BANBURY HANDICAP
SKY

(£3,316: 1m 6f 194yd) (11)

1 062/ HANG TEN 22J (B) S Gollings 7-10-0 V Halliday 5
2 5200 KYMIN 70 D Murray Smith 4-9-13 R Painter (5) 4
3 24/0 STOMPIN 8 (F) Miss H Knight 5-9-11 G Faulkner (7) 8
4 /30 COUCHANT 12 J White 5-9-11 Dale Gibson 7
5 03-1 SHERIFF 74J (F,G) J Hills 5-9-4 Paul Eddery 6
6 -403 BELLA SEDONA 12 (BF) Lady Herries 4-9-1 A Clark 3
7 50-0 HATTA RIVER 56 (C,F,G) P Dalton 6-8-9 J F Egan 10
8 6-06 FABULOUS MTOTO 14 (G) M Saunders 6-8-4 N Carlisle 9
9 -600 ROYRACE 15 W Brisbourne 4-8-3 Martin Dwyer (5) 2
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11 0-00 NORTHERN CHIEF 28 (F,S) J Cullinan 6-7-10 J Quinn 11

9-4 Sheriff, 7-2 Bella Sedona, 8-1 Royrace, Couchant, Hatta River, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Bravery, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; P Walwyn, 3 from 12, 25.0%; G Lewis, 8 from 40, 20.0%; M Jarvis, 3 from 16, 18.8%; P Cole, 14 from 75, 18.7%; J Hills, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 17 winners from 94 rides, 18.1%; Paul Eddery, 13 from 76, 17.1%; N Carlisle, 8 from 56, 14.3%; P Robinson, 4 from 29, 13.8%; A Clark, 7 from 51, 13.7%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Haydock Park

Going: good to soft

2.00 (5f) 1, Joint Venture (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Future Prospect (7-1); 3, Magic Blue (16-1). Ocomental 11-8 fav. 11 ran. NR: Brutal Fantasy. 1¾l, 4l. B Meehan. Tote £4.10; £1.30, £2.50, £3.20. DF: £15.10. Trio £51.50. CSF: £34.02.

2.30 (6f) 1, Limerick Princess (Joanne Webster, 7-1); 2, Maltesmile (11-4 fav); 3, Maysimp (33-1). 14 ran. NR: Farida Seconda, Taurean Fire. 1¾l, 5l. J Berry. Tote £6.80; £2.60, £1.80, £16.50. DF: £5.60. Trio £160.90. CSF £26.03. Tricast: £603.81.

3.00 (1m 30yd) 1, Bollin Frank (L Charnock, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Band On The Run (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Reverand Thickness (10-1). 10 ran. NR: Nordic Breeze. 1l, 1¼l. T Easterby. Tote: £4.60; £1.50, £1.70, £3.40. DF: £6.10. Trio £29.30. CSF: £20.43. Tricast: £141.21.

3.30 (1m 6f) 1, Bellator (S Sanders, 6-1); 2, Arctic Fancy (10-1); 3, Sharaf (9-4 fav). 7 ran. 1½l, ¾l. G Balding. Tote: £7.50; £3.80, £3.20. DF: £73.10. CSF: £54.53.

4.00 (5f) 1, C-Harry (L Dettori, 9-4); 2, Suave Star (11-4); 3, The Four Isles (8-1). Come Too Mamma's 15-8 fav. 6 ran. Nk, 4l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.70; £2.20, £1.70. DF: £6.20. CSF: £9.73.

4.30 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Ninotchka (W Carson, 5-2 fav); 2, Generosa (4-1); 3, Berenice (6-1). 7 ran. 8l, 3½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £2.30. DF: £5.90. CSF £12.78.

5.00 (7f 30yd) 1, Master Boots (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Fire Dome (8-1); 3, Takkatamm (4-9 fav). 5 ran. 3½l, 7l. D Loder. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £2.70. DF: £14.10. CSF: £28.31.

Jackpot: £11,882.30 (0.90 winning tickets; pool of £1,645.40 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Placepot: £208.10. Quadpot: £39.90.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm, good in places

2.20 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Marchman (T Quinn, 14-1); 2, Bobanlyn (6-1 fav); 3, Diamond Crown (14-1); 4, Comedy River (7-1). 22 ran. NR: She Said No. Hd, 2l. J King. Tote £18.50; £3.90, £1.90, £5.60, £4.30. DF: £78.80. Trio: £201.20. CSF: £102.75. Tricast: £1,167.42.

2.50 (6f 15yd) 1, Faraway Lass (D Harrison, 9-4 fav); 2, Sing Up (10-1); 3, Berato (13-2). 17 ran. 1½l, nk. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £3.70; £1.20, £2.90, £2.40. DF: £27.60. Trio: £51.70. CSF: £27.58. Riffif (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies, deduction 5p in pound.

3.20 (6f 15yd) 1, Fernanda (T Sprake, 5-2); 2, Hakkaniyah (7-2); 3, Seva (4-5 fav). 6 ran. 1¼l, 5l. J Dunlop. Tote £5.80; £4.20, £2.60. DF: £12.40. CSF £12.97. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.50 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Absolutelystunning (N Varley, 33-1); 2, Master M-E-N (13-2); 3, Zahran (8-1). George Bull 9-4 fav. 15 ran. ½l, 3l. Mrs B Waring. Tote: £36.10; £6.40, £2.80, £2.40. DF: £169.00. Trio: £475.60 (part won; pool of £133.98 carried forward to 3.35 at Kempton today). CSF £240.70. Tricast: £1,385.67.

4.20 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Ela-Yie-Mou (R Hughes, 9-4 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Macmorris (11-4); 3, Shooting Light (13-2). 8 ran. Hd, 5l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.30; £2.30, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £7.70. CSF: £9.91. Tricast: £35.09.

4.50 (1m 54yd) 1, Broughton's Pride (D Sweeney, 6-1 fav); 2, Spa Lane (20-1); 3, Bad News (10-1); 4, Oscar Rose (20-1). 18 ran. NR: Bakheta, Voices In The Sky. Nk, sh hd. J Eyre. Tote: £6.10; £2.10, £9.40, £2.10, £4.80. DF: £116.40. Trio: £340.50 (part won; pool of £306.95 carried forward to 3.35 at Kempton today). CSF: £125.01. Tricast: £1,173.33.

Placepot: £172.80. Quadpot: £24.70.

☐ Brighton meeting abandoned because of poor visibility.

Thursday's late results

Exeter

Going: good

6.45 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Abavard (J Frost, 4-1 fav); 2, Channel Pastime (8-1); 3, Mine's An Ace (8-1). 10 ran. 10l, 2l. R Frost. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £3.00, £1.50. DF: £19.10. £48.40. CSF: £31.93. Tricast: £170.84.

7.15 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Urban Lily (J Harris, 6-1); 2, Madame President (3-1); 3, Supermick (5-4 fav). 9 ran. ½l, dist. R Hodges. Tote: £5.90; £1.60, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £12.60. CSF: £23.76. Tricast: £33.73.

7.45 (2m 7f 110yd ch) 1, Maremma Gale (A P McCoy, 9-4); 2, Evangelica (13-8 fav); 3, Trust Deed (10-1). 11 ran. 9l, 4l. N Mitchell. Tote: £3.10; £1.10, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £2.90. CSF: £6.39.

8.15 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Haile Derring (C Llewellyn, 7-2); 2, Akiymann (7-1); 3, Wreckless Man (7-1). Its Grand 9-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Phaeton. 7l, 2l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote £4.80; £2.50, £1.60, £2.50. DF: £20.80. CSF: £27.97. Tricast: £152.30.

8.45 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Silver Standard (S Wynne, 4-1); 2, Ramallah (9-4 fav); 3, Sevso (5-1). 8 ran. NR: Secret Four. 5l, 10l. T Forster. Tote £4.80; £2.00, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £5.10. CSF £13.14. Tricast £41.45.

Placepot: £18.00. Quadpot: £10.60.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

7.00 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Percy Thrower (T Jenks, 5-1); 2, Stormtracker (15-8 fav); 3, Ballindoo (4-1). 8 ran. NR: Auntie Alice. 2½l, 8l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £5.20; £1.60, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £5.90. CSF £13.33. Tricast: £30.89.

7.30 (3m 2f ch) 1, Wrekengale (R Dunwoody, 4-5 fav); 2, Frozen Drop (7-1); 3, Diamond Fort (9-2). 6 ran. 8l, 3l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £4.00. CSF £8.68.

8.00 (2m hdle) 1, Clean Edge (K Gaule, 11-2 jt-fav); 2, Bud's Bet (11-2 jt-fav); 3, Swiss Mountain (14-1). 15 ran. 5l, 2l. M Tompkins. Tote: £5.20; £2.20, £2.70, £2.80. DF: £26.10. CSF £37.14. Tricast £388.56.

8.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Factor Ten (J F Titley, 13-8); 2, Dino Malta (5-4 fav); 3, Flimsy Truth (6-1). 6 ran. NR: Walls Court. 7l, 1¾l. Miss H Knight. Tote £2.20; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.81.

9.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Exterior Profiles (C Maude, 4-6 fav); 2, Broomhill Boy (20-1); 3, Jaunty June (7-1). 7 ran. 4l, 6l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £1.80; £1.90, £5.40. DF: £14.40. CSF: £13.09.

Placepot: £118.70. Quadpot: £5.10.

Saturday Portrait: Tessa Sanderson by David Powell, athletics correspondent

Joan Collins of javelin aims for dramatic final episode of dynasty

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN

One curiosity of athletics is that women are classed as veterans at 35, men at 40. So, Linford Christie has four years to go while Tessa Sanderson is now in her sixth year "throwing for the grannies", as she put it once. Come Atlanta in July, when the 40-year-old Sanderson is set to become the first British Olympian to appear in six Games, she will be the oldest slinger in town — but she can still dance to the beat.

When Sanderson held a javelin in competition for the first time in four years last Saturday, she threw it an Olympic qualifying distance, defeating her much younger rivals, to win her event at the International Games in Bedford. She is the Joan Collins of her sport, well preserved in appearance, seemingly indestructable, and a fiery opponent who, among other conquests, has been to the High Court and won. She has a fine sense of the theatrical, too.

Bedford was the scene for act one. Act two is the formality of finishing in the first three of the British Olympic trials in Birmingham next month to secure her Olympic berth. Act three is the Games themsleves, which Sanderson believes may script her a medal.

Not unreasonably, after three throws just beyond 60 metres last weekend, she is confident of exceeding 65 metres in Atlanta. That is medal territory. Today, in the Welsh Games in Cardiff, she will be looking to improve on the 60.64 metres that she threw in Bedford.

Sanderson's greatest achievements were her 1984 triumph in Los Angeles, still the only Olympic victory by a British thrower, and her three Commonwealth Games gold medals. She already holds the record for Olympic appearances by a British woman, whether she appears in Atlanta or not. At her peak, in 1983, she threw 73.58 metres and established five Commonwealth records between 1976 and 1983.

It all began as a bet for a bag of chips. At 14, she tried throwing a javelin for the first time, striking a wager with a school friend over who could throw further.

Her first Olympics was in Montreal in 1976 when, as a 9st, fresh-faced 20-year-old, she did not look the part. "Sprinters that way," Karin Smith, an American competitor, said, pointing her elsewhere, when Sanderson began to walk into the arena with the other throwers.

This was the Olympics of Alberto Juantorena, of Lasse Viren, the year that Harold Wilson resigned as prime minister; the year that Bjorn Borg won his first Wimbledon title. The last time that an Olympics went ahead without Sanderson, Jim Ryun was still chasing an elusive 1,500 metres title.

Sanderson has always been one of the sport's characters, from the day that, as a newcomer to the Britain team, she took the stage in a Romanian dance hall to give her impression of one of The Supremes, to the comment that she made, as a veteran of 38, that "it is wonderful to have guys whistling at you — that is why you should make an effort to look good."

> 'Sanderson has always been one of the sport's characters'

Her career in athletics had been notable not only for her successes but for her running battles with Andy Norman, Britain's promotions officer, and her intense rivalry with Fatima Whitbread, the 1987 world champion and a regular team colleague.

Once Sanderson pulled out of a meeting at Crystal Palace in protest at the level of her appearance fee, compared with that given to Whitbread, Norman's close friend. On Whitbread, she said two years ago: "We are not desperate enemies. If there was a war, we would be on the same side, *I think*."

Sanderson's biggest appearance fee came from the High Court in 1990. She was awarded £30,000 in damages over newspaper claims that she had stolen another woman's husband. Sanderson insisted that her affair with Derrick Evans, who would become known as GMTV's Mr Motivator, had not begun until after the break-up of his marriage.

By this time, Sanderson, who appeared in Los Angeles as a curly-haired, round-faced, nonsexy athlete, had realised the benefits of developing her femininity. In 1990 she started as a sports news reader on BSkyB, better seen than heard. Her name and makeup survived a two-year battle against her uncomfortable delivery before she was made redundant. She told of how being "glamorous and feminine" was important to her — to the point that she became pushy with it.

"I have always loved my bum — Levi has missed out not getting me to advertise its jeans," was one example. "I've got the looks, I've got the figure, there is nothing I could not endorse," was another.

She has also shown a remarkable durability for an event which Brian Roberts, her coach, considers to be, along with the triple jump, "the event where athletes put the most strain on their joints and are most prone to injury".

While spared the misfortune of Whitbread, who was forced to retire prematurely because of shoulder trouble, Sanderson has not escaped injury entirely. Her worst moment came in 1988 when, as defending Olympic champion, she gashed a tendon at a training camp in Japan and was on crutches only days before flying to Seoul. The wound burst during the qualifying round, she failed to reach the final, and she returned home with her leg in plaster.

In 1976 she was tenth; in 1980 she was rated as a possible champion, a probable medal winner, but seized up with nerves and was eliminated at the qualifying stage. The contrast of Los Angeles with Seoul was then followed by fourth place — and first veteran — in Barcelona in 1992. That summer ended with her appearance in the World Cup in Havana. It was to have been one last competition before retirement, not to be taken too seriously, she said. "I am only here for the kit," she said, but there was a hint of what was to come in 1996. Was that definitely it, she was asked? "I cannot rule temptation out," she replied — and here she is again, inspired by the possibility of raising £1 million for the charity Children in Hospital.

Born in St Elizabeth, Jamaica, Sanderson was brought up by her grandparents in the Caribbean, her mother and father having emigrated to England. At the age of eight she followed them, settling in the Midlands, though she lives in Essex now. Her first international championship was the 1974 Commonwealth Games, when she finished fifth at the age of 17. She won the next one, in 1978, then again in 1986 and 1990.

Arguably, she owed her Olympic victory to a stroke of good fortune. She broke the Olympic record with her first throw. In the second round, Tiina Lillak, from Finland, the world record holder, came within two feet of Sanderson. However, Lillak, who had won the 1983 world championship with a last-round throw, was unable to take any further part because of a stress fracture in her right foot.

Sanderson, who was appointed MBE in 1985, has appeared on *This Is Your Life* and *Surprise Surprise*. Most Christmases you can find her in pantomime. Last season it was as Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella* at Lewisham, before she put down her magic wand and picked up her Olympic torch.

Blundell's driving ambition stalled

Oliver Holt, in Michigan, tracks the build-up to a big weekend of divided loyalties in American motor sport

FOR A few seconds, the husband looked up to the sky in imprecation. Beside him, his wife argued at the office window about the missing tickets. Behind him, a metal billboard fell over in the wind and rain. "Who are you again?" a woman behind the glass asked. "Just a California family who gave up the Indy 500 to be here," he said.

Suddenly, the reality is sinking in and some of the martyrs are beginning to rue the sacrifices that they have made. They have forsaken the Indianapolis 500 for its new rival, the US 500, which will take place tomorrow here at the Michigan International Speedway. They have turned their backs on an institution.

They will have the leading drivers and the presence of celebrity owners such as Paul Newman, Joe Montana and David Letterman. They will console themselves with the fact that the field at Indianapolis consists almost entirely of raw novices and rusty veterans. If their heads say Michigan, though, their hearts are still saying Indy. "The bottom line is that the players are here and the theatre is somewhere else," Mario Andretti, a legend in United States motor sport, said yesterday. "The Indy 500 without IndyCar drivers is like *La Scala* in Milan without Pavarotti or Domingo."

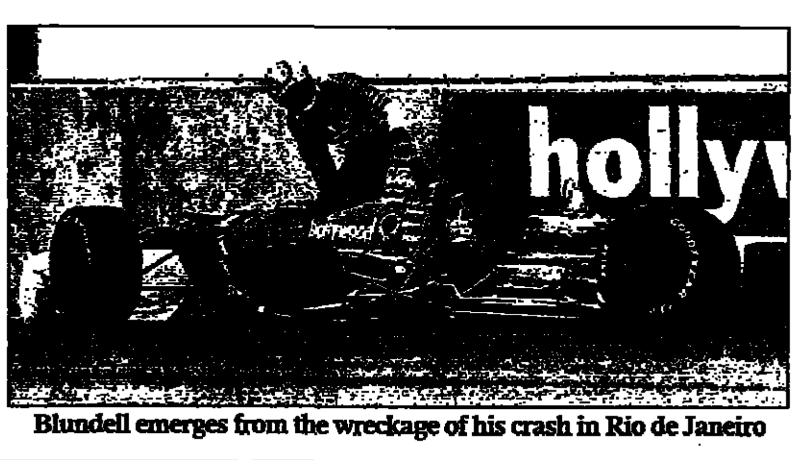
Mark Blundell, the sole Briton in the US 500, knew about the political problems when he agreed to race for the PacWest team at the beginning of this year, but, like most observers, he assumed that the warring factions — the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the IndyCar team owners — would bury their differences for the sake of preserving the most famous motor race in the world.

"It is disappointing for me," Blundell said as he prepared for the first of two practice sessions here. "I have won the Le Mans 24-hour race and I have driven in the Monaco Grand Prix. I was looking forward to racing in the Indianapolis 500 just to round things off in my portfolio, but it is not to be, this year at least. The way Indianapolis has handled it has made it impossible.

"The spectators who go there rather than here, though, will not be seeing the cream of the crop. Ultimately, I am happy to be here at Michigan because I am going to be sitting with the best IndyCar drivers around me. When you are travelling at more than 230mph, that gives you confidence."

Blundell's move from Formula One to IndyCars, three seasons after Nigel Mansell won the series at his first attempt, has not yet worked out as he had hoped. He was lucky to escape with his life when he crashed in an oval race in Rio de Janeiro on March 17, hitting a concrete wall at 197mph after a brake failure. He has missed the past three races because of his injuries.

The US 500 is a daunting place for a comeback. Its banked sides are so steep that, when you drive a road car around it at 30mph, it seems as though it is going to tip over. It was here that Blundell got back into his IndyCar for the first time after his accident.



Blundell emerges from the wreckage of his crash in Rio de Janeiro

"I was apprehensive, to say the least," he said. "The first few laps completely threw me. I was back in at the deep end on a circuit where the average speed is about 225mph and I was looking at the walls as I was going round and thinking: 'Do I really need this?' I came back into the pits, but then I began thinking about ways I could gain time here and there and it got better. I did 79 laps that day and I came away a racing driver again.

"I have never had an accident that has made me think twice about getting back in the car before. When Scott Brayton was killed in practice at Indianapolis ten days ago, it brought it home to me how lucky I had been."

Blundell will start the US 500 from seventeenth on the grid, with Jimmy Vasser, the championship leader, on pole. Vasser is the favourite for the race here, but nobody really stands out from the dross at Indianapolis.

Lyn St James, the woman who cost Mansell victory at the Speedway in 1993 when her crash brought out the yellow flags and bunched up the field, will be there, and Michele Alboreto, the former Ferrari driver who is fourth in the standings of the Indy Racing League, the breakaway organisation that is competing with the IndyCar series.

It was Brayton, though, who had claimed pole position at Indianapolis a few days before he was killed. His death has robbed the race of one of the most experienced drivers in the field. It briefly brought the two sides in IndyCar racing together again in shared grief: tomorrow the rift will be wider than ever.

England warned of exclusion

By Richard Eaton

THE International Badminton Federation (IBF) has warned that England risks exclusion from the next Thomas and Uber Cups, the world team competitions, because it fielded weakened squads in the event that reaches its conclusion tomorrow in Hong Kong.

The absences of Julie Bradbury, Joanne Wright and Simon Archer — who preferred to continue their preparations for the Olympic Games in Atlanta in July — have caused the IBF to issue an ominously worded statement.

"The IBF views the English team strength as a serious issue," it said. "The regulations state that the committee of management has the power to reject the entry of any member association whose entry is considered against the interest of the competition or the game."

The timing of the statement is a surprise. The IBF is still waiting for all the evidence before its disciplinary committee can reach a verdict. Yet it has made known its doubts about the role of the Badminton Association of England (BAE), asking publicly why it did not advise the IBF before the preliminary rounds that there was a possibility that England would send an under-strength team.

John Havers, the chairman of the BAE, said: "We are desperately disappointed to be put in the dock by the IBF, who have not, perhaps, fully understood the complicated nature of the British Badminton Olympic Committee set-up and I would certainly fight any move to take us out of the Thomas and Uber Cups. It would be better to reach an amicable settlement."

"Without biting anyone, we are showing our fangs," David Shaw, the IBF executive director, said. "We are not prejudging the issue. The disciplinary committee is fully aware of the arcane British system and its complications."

Meanwhile, in the competition, Poul-Erik Hoyer, the All-England champion, helped to create a sensation by beating Dong Jiong, the world No 1, and leading Denmark to a 3-2 victory over China which earned them a place in the Thomas Cup final against Indonesia, who comfortably saw off South Korea.

Hoyer was 13-1 down in the second game and match point down at 17-14 before winning 6-15, 18-17, 15-11.

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Sofa so good for athlete displaying real potential

SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

Her skirt has ridden to a point fractionally below her waist "revealing", in the immortal words of Tom Lehrer "for all of the others to see/Just what it was that endeared you to me". Heedless, she smiles. The tops of the stocking, black, begin a good way south, the feet clad in black spike-heels. Her mouth, freshly glossed, is open, her hair tousled as she lounges on a sofa. Welcome to the wacky world of triple jumping. Would Jonathan Edwards describe Yolanda Chen as God's gift to his sport?

Chen, a Russian athlete and a genuine contender in the triple jump at the Olympics, is keen on things like make-up and wardrobe, and she has been posing for the Russian *Playboy*. She hope that money earned from the spread will help her to victory. She also has ambitions of appearing in the American *Playboy*, but she refuses to take part in "too revealing eroticism" or "bedroom scenes". A thoroughly nice-minded siren, in short.

Divine moment

On to religion. Roberto Baggio — *il codino divino* or the divine ponytail — may have been left out of the Italian squad for the European football championship, but he has at least the consolation of religion. He has opened a Buddhist cultural centre at Thiene, near Vicenza, his home province. The place is also very handy for his sports shop.

Fine time

Sponsorship news. Ian Russell, a rugby league player with the North Queensland Cowboys, has been fined Aus$ 10,000 (about £5,000) for drinking the wrong brand of beer. He was seen drinking a can of Victoria Bitter on a plane on the way home from a match. His team is sponsored by Castlemaine, and the players must, by contract, drink only XXXX when travelling as a team. It was Russell's second offence; he was given a suspended fine of Aus$ 5,000 for drinking the wrong beer last year. He will be sacked if there is a third offfence.

Head start

Best of luck to Hur Nam-jin. As South Korea fight for the right to hold the 2002 football World Cup, Hur shows his solidarity with the nation by setting out to break his own world record — seven hours and three minutes — for ball-juggling using only his head.

☐ ***We have had sex and religion; now it is time for politics. President Clinton has a two-word reply to all his aides who tell him of the huge lead that he enjoys over Bob Dole, the Republican presidential candidate — "Greg Norman".***

Old grievance

Marge Schott Corner. Yes, the pro-Marge backlash has arrived. While powerful men in baseball are trying to find ways of elbowing this troublesome old lady and owner of the Cincinnati Reds from their game, a number of devotees have declared themselves as Schott supporters. They are taking to home games placards that read "Leave Marge alone" and "Take me out to the ball game — as long as Marge owns the team". Marge, as readers of this column know, is just a sweet old lady with a soft spot for Adolf Hitler.

Take Brat

Congratulations to the man who has won the most coveted prize that the United States has to offer — the father of the year award. This year the National Father's Day Committee gave the award to that well-known role model and divorcé — John McEnroe. "It's like winning the Wimbledon title," he said. Can he be serious?

Brave shot

At last some golfers to admire. A Red Badge of Courage goes to every golfer who plays the 16th hole at Shelby Park course in Nashville, Tennessee. I tell you, that hole is a tiger, and many golfers have taken to missing it out altogether — in the past months, there have been two robberies and one attempted robbery there. Robbers hide in the weeds and leap out on unsuspecting golfers. Hands up! Your pink polyester trousers or your life!

Base thoughts

The state totters. The England Under-15 cricket squad, preparing for the Lombard World Challenge this summer, has taken on a baseball coach. Julien Fountain, formerly a player with the British basbeball squad, has been teaching the boys how to throw properly.

Shane again

Let joy be unconfined! Yes, I bring you the greatest possible news. The operation on Shane Warne's spinning finger was a complete success. He now undergoes a course of intensive physiotherapy. Soon, it is hoped, the finger will recover full fitness.

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Beardsley's lessons reap reward

Barmby ready to graduate from finishing school

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN HONG KONG

ENGLAND have one more obstacle to jump before the start of the European championship and, with all due respect to the Golden Select XI, their opponents tomorrow night, the Hong Kong leg of their Far East tour should be more of a bunny hop than a giant leap.

This is payday for the Football Association, a chance to fly the flag — St George's, that is, not the green one of the sponsors — in the old territory before the handover to China next year and to bang a drum for football in Hong Kong. Whatever Terry Venables, the England coach, may say, nothing too serious can be learnt from an exhibition match against such familiar stalwarts as Mike Duxbury, Carlton Fairweather and the specially-imported Dave Watson.

Barring disrupton by injury, the 22 places in the final squad must be already fixed in the mind of Venables, with, some have said, its special corner reserved for Tottenham Hotspur connections. The immediate rehabilitation of Anderton, the perseverance with Sheringham and the final chance for the recently-departed Barmby — there is a certain consistency to the thread.

Few, though, would begrudge the impish Barmby his place, especially after his two goals against China. Quick, tough, positionally intelligent, totally committed, he has, with some justification, been labelled the new Beardsley. The pair room together on England duty. Beardsley talks, Barmby listens — and the success of the tutorials could be proved in the cruellest way next week if Barmby, at 22 the younger by 13 years, ousts his mentor from the championship squad.

Barmby tried to play down the possibility. "There are five or six forwards," he said. "I don't see it as a straight fight between me and Peter, but, if it was and I got it, I know he would be the first to shake my hand."

The similarity of style is not lost on Bryan Robson, Barmby's manager at Middlesbrough and Venables's assistant with England. "A lot of things Peter does, Nick puts into his game," Robson said. "He has a lot of respect for the guy. If he keeps it up, his career could go in a very similar fashion."

A parting of the ways might be for the best. For all his little-boy-lost looks and schoolboy complexion, Barmby needs to establish his own identity for club and country. A bright start for both, culminating in glowing reviews for his international debut against Colombia last autumn and universal surprise at Middlesbrough's drive into the top six of the FA Carling Premiership, turned only to disappointment and decline.

Barmby had no room to exploit Norway's compressed midfield, was out of sorts in the next international, too, and was dropped. So were Middlesbrough, despite the potentially explosive pairing with Juninho. An ankle injury, which forced Barmby out for three weeks, compounded, or perhaps precipitated, the fledgeling's loss of confidence. By the time that it had started to return, the season was almost over and Teddy Sheringham, his striking partner for one spritely season at White Hart Lane before Barmby's £5.25 million move back to his birthplace, had usurped his linking role in the England forward formation.

"He has taken a fair bit of criticism since Christmas, which was unfair," Robson said. "At times, Nick was trying too hard, trying to be everywhere on the field at once. When he's come back to the England set-up, he's been more relaxed and that showed against China."

Most impressive of all is Barmby's unflappable temperament. He rarely moans to the referee, never reacts to fouls. It is, he said, just his way — "I've always tried just to get on with my football, whatever the highs and lows."

Potentially, he is a better finisher than Beardsley, too. The delicate chip over the goalkeeper for his second goal in Peking was worthy of Lineker himself. If he shows the same skill on the grander stage, every one of the missionary miles that England have clocked up over the past few days will have been worth the effort.

Beardsley, left, and Barmby: master and apprentice

Pilgrim Pete given all-clear to watch Plymouth's progress

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

PLYMOUTH Argyle play at Wembley for the first time in their 110-year history this afternoon, when they take on Darlington in the Endsleigh Insurance League third division play-off final. The Devon city has emptied, with more than 35,000 supporters making the long trek up the M5 and M4. Even Pilgrim Pete, Argyle's wacky mascot, is due to appear.

Provocative Pete has been banned from such notable third division venues as Layer Road, Craven Cottage and Edgar Street this season, for his over-enthusiastic behaviour, but he has been given the all-clear — a blue security wristband — by Wembley officials. At the so-called Venue of Legends, he can play the fool as much as he likes.

Neil Warnock, the Plymouth manager, is more concerned with the serious business of beating Darlington and securing a place in the second division. "Wembley is the best place in the world to play football," he said. "In fact, it's the only place."

It is Warnock's fourth visit for a play-off final and he holds a 100 per cent record, with Notts County, twice, and Huddersfield Town. Yet he would prefer that Argyle's campaign had already been concluded.

"People think I wanted to reach Wembley all along, but nothing could be further from the truth," he said. "Nobody wants a season to last ten months. I wanted us to go straight up."

Seven members of Plymouth's starting line-up have played at Wembley before. Steve Cherry, the goalkeeper, will make his fifth appearance, but for Gary Clayton, the midfield player, it will be fourth time unlucky. Clayton, 33, has twice missed out because of injury, when playing for Cambridge United and Huddersfield, and once, again with Huddersfield, because he was cup-tied. A persistent groin strain keeps him out today.

Though Darlington are rated as underdogs, they have defeated Argyle twice in the league, lost only one away match this season and have been beaten only once in their past 22 games. "We're proud of our record," Jim Platt, the Darlington manager, said. "We've been proving the bookmakers wrong all season and we'll just have to do it again."

The club's share of the receipts, probably around £200,000, could prove vital. Bernard Lowery, the chairman, said: "If we hadn't had such a successful end to the season, we might not have been able to survive."

Notts County and Bradford City dispute the second division honours tomorrow. Colin Murphy, County's general manager, has proved himself as astute financially as he is tactically. Since arriving at Meadow Lane last summer, he has saved the club almost £250,000 by imposing a rigid wage structure.

"In this game, you need the ability to buy and sell," Murphy said. "That's probably one of the reasons I got the job. It needed drastic surgery here, but it's gone well. I just hope we acquit ourselves well at Wembley."

Germans win friends

WHETHER Germany will win the European football championship remains to be seen, but they made a determined effort to win hearts and minds in their base in the North West yesterday (Peter Ball writes). Bert Trautmann and Jürgen Klinsmann, England's two best-loved Germans, formed a reconnaissance party to meet the mayor of Manchester and hold their first press conference of the tournament.

When they arrive in Manchester on June 6, they will hold a series of open practices which they hope local schools will attend. Yesterday Trautmann and Klinsmann said all the right things.

They were enthusiastic about England, fulsome about Old Trafford, where they play their three matches, and bullish about British beef. "I had my best scoring season of all eating British beef," Klinsmann said.

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IAN STEWART

Ames takes a look at the line of a putt on his way to a 73 in the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth

Ames offers calm in eye of storm

Mel Webb reports from Wentworth on a golfer who has learnt to curb his volatile nature to the benefit of his game

It rained, and it blew; the weather needed to improve to be dreadful. It was no time even for being something waterproof, like a duck, let alone a professional golfer from infinitely sunnier climes trying to put together a half-decent score. So did Stephen Ames enjoy himself at Wentworth yesterday? Amazingly, he did; money may not buy happiness, but it definitely delays the onset of misery.

It was only five days ago that Ames, 32, who hails from Trinidad and Tobago, defied the worst that the elements could hurl at him to win the Benson and Hedges International title at The Oxfordshire and tucked a cheque for £117,000 into his hip pocket. In conditions about as far as they could be from the climate of his native land, he had taken on a world-class field and beaten it.

Much was made in the following morning's newspapers about the collapse of such luminaries as Montgomerie, Faldo, Langer, Woosnam and Ballesteros. Ames's closing 72, the best score of the day in the worst of the weather, was, if not forgotten, certainly not given the praise it deserved.

He was back on duty yesterday, playing alongside Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam. He performed at least as well as Woosnam and achieved the same score, 73. Admittedly, he was put in the shade somewhat by Faldo's 67 — but then, few were not.

It was a day for sitting in front of the fire with a good book, a cup of something hot and a plate of cinnamon muffins. If it had to spent on a golf course, then it was a day for traipsing miserably, muttering foul oaths under the breath and experiencing the fascinating sensation of cold water trickling relentlessly down one's neck.

It was enough to test the fortitude of a saint. Ames, though a halo was not in evidence, said he enjoyed it. "I hit only one bad shot all day," he said. "I'm very happy with the way I'm striking the ball, and if I had taken some of my chances on the greens it would have been a different story. I know Nick's six shots in front, but there's still a lot of golf to be played this week."

In the uttering of that final sentence, Ames showed that he is a changed man, a different man from the one who not so long ago had a tendency to self-combust when the rub of the green was not in his favour.

> 'His mind-set has changed from turbulent to peaceful'

Work with a sports psychologist has changed his mind-set from turbulent to peaceful. "My wife knows me better than anybody else, and even she says that I look very calm these days," he said. "It's made a real difference to me."

A real difference has also been made to him by his regular retreat into a basement just off Knightsbridge in the last few months. There he put himself in the hands of two men who know as much about the mechanics of a golf swing as a virtuoso violinist knows about his Stradivarius.

Steve Gould and David Wilkinson are disciples of the late Leslie King, the first man in this country to construct a complete template for the golf swing more than 50 years ago. They have been working with Ames for nine months, and are full of enthusiasm for their pupil's progress.

They have tightened and shortened his swing, which have given him more power and done a lot to eliminate a punishing duck-hook. It reared its head only once yesterday, and it led to one of only two bogeys on his card. "He is a model pupil," Gould said. "He was positive from the moment we started, and he takes everything we suggest on board."

Back at Wentworth, meanwhile, Ames was to be seen heading for the putting green. Two hours later he was still out there in the wind and the rain, putting and putting again. To do that you have to be either dedicated or loopy; and there is nothing even remotely crazy about Stephen Ames.

Educate gives lesson in short game

By JOHN HENNESSY

THEN there was one, and that one guaranteed in advance. That might be the disappointing way that the Great Britain and Ireland Curtis Cup golf selectors will have viewed the third round of the English women's championship at Silloth-on-Solway yesterday.

The four English members of the team had survived to the last eight, but, by lunchtime, only Lisa Educate (née Walton) was still involved, having dispatched Karen Stupples, another member of the team, at the 19th. In the top half of the draw, Julie Hall, the holder, and Elaine Ratcliffe, the winner of the strokeplay stage of the competition earlier in the week, were beaten by Joanne Hockley and Sarah Gallagher, respectively.

At least Educate is still there, having given Sarah Sanderson a lesson in the afternoon semi-final. She now meets Hockley, whose greater experience and maturity told against Gallagher.

Educate, married to an American of Italian ancestry (hence her unusual surname) was always likely to be too strong for Sanderson. Her attendance at an American University has given her a special air of confidence and composure and, if that were not enough, the words "San Jose State", writ large on her bag, carried an intimidating ring.

The story of her semi-final is soon told. Having lost the 2nd, she won three holes in a row from the 3rd, four in a row from 7th, together with the 12th and 13th, after conceding the 11th with a third putt. Generally the two were virtually ball for ball through the green, but Educate's short game know-how was much superior.

Hockley against Gallagher was more closely fought, as, of course, it had to be, but Gallagher could never eat further into Hockley's lead after a fine birdie at the 13th had brought her back to two down.

RESULTS

THIRD ROUND: S Gallagher (Trentham Park) bt E Ratcliffe (Sandiway), 4 and 3, J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry) bt J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) 3 and 2; S Sanderson (The Berkshire) bt G Nutter (Prestwich) 3 and 2, L Educate (Calcot Park) bt K Stupples (Royal Cinque Port) at 19th.

SEMI-FINALS: Hockley bt Gallagher 2 and 1, Educate bt Sanderson 7-5.

A series of halves from the 14th, with first one player then the other rescuing herself with admirable short game, left Gallagher two down with two to play. A kinder providence might have given her the 17th, but her putt for a win horseshoed out, for the third time in the round.

Hall, who leaves competitive golf this year to take up a post at St Andrews with the Ladies Golf Union, offered no excuse for her failure in the morning against Hockley, a fellow member of Felixstowe Ferry. "I just couldn't get it together," she said. Thus she surrendered the English title that she had won the two previous years and is left, poor lass, with only the British, Australian and Spanish titles.

☐ Amy Benz, of the United States, seeking the first win of her 13-year career, scored a 66, six under par, to take a one-shot lead after the opening round of the Corning Classic women's tournament in New York. Alison Nicholas, the defending champion, from England, collected a 70. Nicholas is trying to become the first repeat winner in the tournament's 18-year history. Nicholas captured her first victory in the United States last year at the Corning Classic, when she finished on 275, 13 under par.

Doubts over Seles add to French Open injury woes

By ALIX RAMSAY

Seles: mental barrier

THERE are two days to go before the start of the French Open tennis championships and Roland Garros is a hive of activity, but the busiest people in Paris are the physiotherapists, trying frantically to patch up the ailing limbs of the world's leading players. The list of walking wounded grows ever longer and, after the withdrawal of Boris Becker (pulled thigh muscle), Gabriela Sabatini (pulled stomach muscle) and Chanda Rubin (wrist injury), there are now doubts over Thomas Muster and Monica Seles.

Seles withdrew from the Madrid Open yesterday before her semi-final match, complaining of a recurrence of the shoulder injury that has been plaguing her since the Australian Open. It was her first tournament in three months and was her first appearance in Europe since she was stabbed in Hamburg three years ago. She had wanted to overcome the mental barrier of playing in Europe again before going to the pressure-cooker atmosphere of the French Open, where she will play Caroline Dhenin, of France, in the first round.

It may be three years since Günter Parche almost destroyed Seles's career, but the scars are still as deep as ever. Parche attacked Seles in order that Steffi Graf could be No 1 in the world again, and that fact still places a huge divide between the players. "We don't really have any contact," Graf said. "Perhaps we are both a little afraid."

Thomas Muster, however, has nothing but happy memories of the clay courts of Europe. He is the No 2 seed and defending champion in Paris, but his chances of reclaiming the title were hampered by an ankle injury sustained on Thursday during a warm-up session during the Raiffeisen grand prix event in Austria. Muster is undergoing regular treatment for the sprain, but may ask for a Tuesday start to his singles campaign.

SEEDINGS

MEN: 1, P Sampras (US). 2, T Muster (Austria). 3, A Agassi (US). 4, M Chang (US). 5, G Ivanisevic (Cro). 6, Y Kafelnikov (Russ). 7, J Courier (US). 8, T Enqvist (Swe). 9, M Rios (Chile). 10, W Ferreira (SA). 11, A Boetsch (Fr); 12, A Costa (Sp). 13, R Krajicek (Holl). 14, M Rosset (Switz); 15, M Stich (Ger). 16, M Washington (US)

WOMEN: 1, S Graf (Ger). 2, M Seles (US). 3, A Sanchez Vicario (Sp). 4, C Martinez (Sp). 5, I Majoli (Cro); 6, A Huber (Ger). 7, M Maleeva (Bul); 8, K Date (Japan). 9, L Davenport (US). 10, J Novotna (Cz); 11, B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl). 12, M Pierce (Fr); 13, M J Fernandez (US). 14, A Coetzer (SA); 15, M Hingis (Switz). 16, B Paulus (Austria).

Things are not looking too promising for Pete Sampras, the No 1 seed, either. He had to pull out of his World Team Cup match in Düsseldorf suffering from back spasms, his first tournament since the death of Tim Gullikson, his coach, but, regardless of his mental or physical state, he will have his work cut out.

Last year he fell at the first hurdle to Gilbert Schaller, and this year he will have to engage top gear from the first day to get much further. His opening match pits him against Magnus Gustafsson, with the possibility of meeting Sergi Bruguera, the winner in Paris in 1993 and 1994, in the second round.

After that, Mats Wilander or Todd Martin could provide his next challenge and, should he survive that section of the draw, Jim Courier, another player to have won the title twice, is seeded to meet him in the quarter-finals.

Andre Agassi, the No 3 seed, has an easier start against a qualifier as he strives to face Sampras in the semi-finals, while Michael Chang, a finalist last year and seeded No 4, opens up against David Prinosil.

The British contingent may not be around long. Tim Henman faces Kris Goossens, of Belgium, in the first round before meeting Andrei Chesnokov or Guy Forget. Greg Rusedski does not have it much easier, with a qualifier in the first round and a probable meeting with Michael Stich after that.

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Masters champion's illuminating round brightens his home supporters

Faldo steals Wentworth thunder

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

Out on his own, Faldo is the inevitable centre of attention on a day when even Fanny Sunesson, his caddie, top left, struggled to keep up with him. Photograph: Ian Stewart

ONE thunderous stroke helped Nick Faldo to seize the lead in the first round of the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth yesterday, a shot that proved to be a vivid shaft of brightness on a wet and dismal day. It served as a warning to his challengers that he is never so dangerous as when the pressure is at its greatest and reminded his home supporters of some of the qualities that enabled him to become Masters champion last month.

The effect of this stroke was heightened by the fact that it enabled Faldo to eagle the 18th hole on the West course for a 67, five under par, while his rivals failed to mount their anticipated challenge. Bernhard Langer, the defending champion, had a 73, as did Colin Montgomerie, on a day when everything that went right was wrong. Of Faldo's team-mates in the Ryder Cup, only Costantino Rocca had a round to write home about, a 69.

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Severiano Ballesteros is playing so poorly that he is not a contender for a title such as this but even as he shows the first faltering signs of a return to form he has the capacity to demand attention. On the 12th, he hit a brick as he played his second shot, damaging the two iron he was using and sending his ball spiralling up into some trees where it lodged, causing him to identify it with binoculars before dropping another.

Fact turned to farce at this point. As Ballesteros was about to play his replacement ball, his original one dropped out of the tree, nearly hitting him on the way. His seven was one of the more bizarrely-compiled sevens of his career. He took another on the 17th, this time in more conventional fashion, hitting his second shot out of bounds. In the circumstances, a homeward score of 40, three over par, and a round of 77 was a commendable effort when four shots had been squandered on two holes.

No one summarises their play so well as Montgomerie. He talks quickly, pithily and sometimes with brutal accuracy. His own damning verdict on his play was as follows: "I didn't putt well, I didn't drive well, I didn't hit my irons well and I didn't hit my putts well. Everything went out to the right."

Faldo's 220-yard stroke on the last hole was hit with a three wood and the way it flew from the middle of the fairway, piercing the dankness of a wet morning to stop a few feet from its target, meant it was a stroke that Faldo will not forget in a hurry. Nor is the memory of it likely to dim quickly in the eyes of the bedraggled spectators who were fortunate to see it.

As shots by Faldo go, it approaches in quality and accuracy the three-wood shot with which he snatched victory in the Doral Ryder Open in the United States in March last year and the stunning two-iron on the 13th hole of the last round of the Masters, even though the pressure he was under yesterday morning was as nothing compared with those occasions.

Faldo is his own sternest judge and even he was impressed with it. "I thundered it," he said. "My maximum with a three-wood is 230 yards. This pitched 220 yards and hopped up." When shots such as this are combined with one of his best putting rounds of the year — he holed putts varying in length from three to 30 feet — then it is easy to see why Faldo leads by one stroke from Paul Curry and Mark McNulty and two from Rocca, Robert Allenby and Ignacio Garrido.

On the 6th, there came one of those little cameos that remain in the memory long after the details of a round have faded into the mists of time. As Faldo, Ian Woosnam and Stephen Ames prepared to putt it was discovered that the flag was immovable. Woosnam walked up to it and had a go at removing it. He failed, so Faldo was called in. With his height and leverage he ought to have been able to dislodge it. No luck. Ames, the champion at The Oxfordshire last week, took his turn. Still no success.

In such circumstances, rather as in golf itself, technique triumphs over strength, lest in removing the flag the metal cup is wrenched out of the ground or the side of the hole is dented or gouged. The three of them tried twisting the flag and turning it and so did their caddies. Faldo even gave it a kick, to no avail. It took a big heave by Woosnam, the mighty mite, before the flag was removed whereupon Faldo holed his putt of 20 feet.

SCORES FROM WENTWORTH

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

EARLY FIRST-ROUND LEADERS: 67: N Faldo. 68: P Curry, M McNulty (Zim). 69: I Garrido (Sp), R Allenby (Aus). 70: J Sandelin (Swe), E Darcy, J Haeggman (Swe), P Eales, J M Cañizares (Sp), W Westner (SA), R Davis (Aus), S Cage. 71: D Carter, S Grappasonni (It), T Johnstone (Zim), H Clark, E Romero (Arg), D Gilford, A Cejka (Ger), J Robson, S Struver (Ger), S Tinning (Den), J Hawkes (SA), G Orr, P Way, R Chapman, M Gronberg (Swe), S Torrance, A Coltart, R Boxall.

72: T Bjorn (Den), M Mouland, P Fulke (Swe), J Bickerton, F Nobilo (NZ), P O'Malley (Aus), G Turner (NZ), M Lanner (Swe), F Tarnaud (Fr), M A Jimenez (Sp), D Cooper. 73: T Price (Aus), B McGovern, L Fickling, I Woosnam, G Sherry, S Ames (Trin), P Lawrie, R Goosen (SA), J L Guepy (Fr), R Wilson, R Muntz (Hol), S Martin, T Levet (Fr), J Higgins, M Davis, M Roe, J Spence, D Feherty, C Montgomerie, B Langer (Ger)

74: M Farry (Fr), M Poxon, M Harwood (Aus), A Lyle, P Baker, A Bossert (Switz), J Parnevik (Swe), C Mason, D Smyth, C O'Connor Jr, P Broadhurst, P Carman, M Hallberg (Swe), R Drummond, M Litton, P Sjoland (Swe). 75: G Howell, J Lomas, P Walton, P-U Johansson (Swe), C Hall, M Mackenzie, M McLean, P Price, S Richardson, S Thompson, A Forsbrand (Swe), R Rafferty.

76: P Teravainen (US), R Claydon, J Townsend (US), P Moloney (Aus), A Hunter, I Pyman, R Troake. 77: J Coceres (Arg), O Rojahn (Nor), C Smellie, M Pinero (Sp), S Ballesteros (Sp). 78: J Morgan, R Mann, T Spence. 79: C Cevaer (Fr). 80: M Clayton (Aus). 83: D Borrego (Sp).

Carson could retire at end of season

By Julian Muscat

WILLIE CARSON, a man never short of words, gave a clear indication yesterday that he will trade in his riding boots for carpet slippers at the end of the *Flat racing season.*

Carson has always dismissed questions about retirement, but he was in reflective mood when asked whether he might be riding in the Derby for the last time on June 8. "I would think it's highly likely this will be my last Derby," Carson, the five-time champion jockey, said. "I have been going at the top for the past 35 years, so I've had a very good run."

Carson's comments, aired on *Radio 5 Live*, come during a turbulent season in which he has failed to achieve his own high standards. He has won each of the five British classics at least three times, but his once-acute sense of judgment has betrayed him.

The most notable example came at Lingfield last Saturday. With a minor race at his mercy, Carson, 53, prematurely eased down on Kamari, the odds-on favourite, and was caught in the dying strides. He was banned for seven days and left the weighing room by a back door, later describing the incident as one of the worst moments in his career.

"It was a terrible mistake," he said. "I regret it, but I don't think age had anything to do with it. My pride has been absolutely devastated." Other events on that bleak day may well have prompted Carson to contemplate quitting.

Earlier, at Newbury, he could only apologise for the ride that he gave *Nabhaan*, who forfeited a winning opportunity when Carson allowed himself to get trapped behind a wall of horses in the London Gold Cup Stakes. He was cricitised for his handling of Bint Salsabil, who was tenderly ridden when caught in the closing stages of the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket last month.

Carson: mistakes

For the past seven seasons, Carson has worked as retained jockey to Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum and has hinted that, without the arrangement, he would probably have retired some time ago. Indeed, it is widely believed that the promise shown by Alhaarth towards the end of last season prompted Carson to ride for another year. Yet he said of the colt, beaten on both his outings before the Derby: "He has been very disappointing — but if he won the Derby it would be a great ending, a fairy-tale."

Vialli joins foreign legion

By Russell Kempson

GIANLUCA VIALLI, the Italian forward, signed for Chelsea yesterday, two days after leading Juventus to victory against Ajax in the European Cup final. Though there was no transfer fee involved, it is believed that he will earn £3 million over three years. "My English is poor, and I will have to take courses in London, but I know the value of the pound," Vialli said.

West Ham United have also jumped aboard the post-Bosman gravy train, which now allows players to join new employers for nothing — apart from vast pay packets — when their contracts expire. Paulo Futre, the former Portugal international, is to move from AC Milan to Upton Park after agreeing a two-year deal.

Chelsea's capture of Vialli, who is 32 in July, is no surprise. They have been negotiating with Claudio Pasqualin, his agent, for weeks and finally managed to fend off the attentions of other suitors, including Rangers. It is the first signing of Ruud Gullit, Chelsea's new player-manager. Colin Hutchinson, Chelsea's managing director, said: "He could have earned more money elsewhere, but the lure of Ruud and London enabled us to pull off this coup. Ruud is on holiday at the moment, but we have faxed him with the news."

Vialli made all the right noises yesterday. "Ruud is a good friend of mine, he speaks Italian," he said. "I will feel at home with him. It will be a sort of rebirth for me and I expect to get new motivations. I gave and received a lot during four years with Juventus. I'm leaving without any grudges. It was a divorce by mutual consent."

Vialli: free transfer

His credentials are impressive, but he will be hoping for better fortunes than Andrea Silenzi, who became the Premiership's first import from *Serie A* when he joined Nottingham Forest last summer. He has started only eight games and scored two goals.

Vialli is not playing in the European championship finals in England next month because of a long-standing feud with Arrigo Sacchi, the Italy coach. Sacchi has left him out of his squad.

Still, Vialli's signing was greeted with enthusiasm by his new colleagues. Nigel Spackman, the midfield player, said: "He is one of the top strikers in the world and would fit into any team." John Spencer, the forward, said: "You can only listen and learn from such class players."

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Scots to keep rivals guessing

From Kevin McCarra
in Hartford
Connecticut

IT CAN be hard to tell the difference between disarray and guile. The Scotland football team that meets the United States in New Britain, Connecticut, tomorrow may not bear much resemblance to the side that will compete in the European championship finals. Only some of the distortions to the line-up are unavoidable.

Andy Goram, Billy McKinlay and Ally McCoist all have minor knocks that rule them out. Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, is, however, also propagating disinformation, since he knows that the match will be watched by representatives of the rivals to be faced in June — Holland, England and Switzerland. Accordingly, Gary McAllister, his captain, and, since his transfer this week to AS Monaco, John Collins, his most affluent player, will probably be rested.

The trip to the United States is designed to provide relaxation and the largest audience that Scotland will face was crammed into Madison Square Garden on Thursday night when the squad joined Rod Stewart on stage at his concert. There are respects, however, in which Scotland cannot avoid being in earnest.

For years, Brown has been searching for a dynamic forward to score goals and give the team impetus, but his auditions have not gone well. The latest candidate is Gordon Durie, whose resurgence with Rangers, for whom he struck a hat-trick in the Tennents Scottish Cup final last weekend, has brought him back into contention for Scotland. He will lead the attack against the United States.

Brown, however, may have the unsettling feeling that other decisions are being taken for him. Goram's absence, with a hip injury, means that he not started a match for Scotland since December 1994. He lost his status as first-choice goalkeeper when he declined to play against Greece in August of last year, claiming that he was not "mentally attuned".

TEAMS

SCOTLAND (probable, 3-5-2): J Leighton (Hibernian) — C Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), D Whyte (Middlesbrough) — C Burley (Chelsea), S Gemmill (Nottingham Forest), S McCall (Rangers), E Jess (Coventry City), T Boyd (Celtic) — G Durie (Rangers), S Booth (Aberdeen).

UNITED STATES (probable, 4-3-3): J Sommer (Luton Town) — M Balboa (Colorado Rapids), A Lalas (New England Revolution), M Burns (New England Revolution), J Agoos (DC United) — C Reyna (Köln), T Ramos (New York/New Jersey MetroStars), J Harkes (DC United) — R Lassiter (Tampa Bay Mutiny), E Stewart (Willem II), E Wynalda (San Jose Clash)

It had been assumed, nonetheless, that he would be reinstated in time for the European championship, but, with the tournament imminent, his return might almost be disruptive. Goram should be fit to play against Colombia in Miami on Wednesday, but Scotland may feel that they should maintain continuity by keeping faith with Jim Leighton, even if he is slightly less gifted.

Leighton, the Hibernian goalkeeper, will have opportunities once again to demonstrate his worth tomorrow. The United States, as England found when they lost here in 1993, are a respectable force in international football and Scotland arrive just as the game here has begun a process of transformation. Despite all the scepticism at home and abroad, Major League Soccer (MLS), the country's new professional league, is taking root.

It began only in April, but crowds have climbed as high as 69,000, in Los Angeles, and the average attendance is an encouraging 28,000. MLS should also underpin the national team, improving its prospects. For the first time, Steve Sampson, the United States coach, does not have to gather his squad from outposts overseas. Indeed, as many as nine of the team tomorrow could be MLS players.

The United States have become intimidating in recent years, even beating Argentina 3-0 in the Copa America in Uruguay last year, but the impressive infrastructure now in place should make them even more effective. Scotland must ensure that their game with the United States' finest does not become an advert for the vigour of MLS.

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Algerian militants cut the throats of Trappist monks

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

FRANCE reacted with shock and outrage yesterday to the murder of seven French Trappist monks — aged 50 to 82 — by Islamic extremists in Algeria. There were calls for mass rallies in France to deplore the killings.

The Pope condemned the "barbaric killings" as "one of the saddest chapters in the history of Algeria — an offence to God and man".

Responsibility for the killings has been claimed by the militant Armed Islamic Group, the GIA, which was behind last summer's bombing campaign in France. It issued a statement saying: "We have slit the throats of the seven monks". The monks were kidnapped two months ago from their monastery in the town of Medea, 45 miles south of Algiers.

The murders have not been confirmed, but the French Foreign Ministry said the claim appeared genuine since the guerrilla communiqué, broadcast over Tangiers radio, alluded to a cassette recording and a letter received from the captive monks on April 30, which had not been made public. "The people who sent this knew what they were talking about," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Charles Millon, the Defence Minister, said: "This is a sign of violent and intolerant terrorism, aimed at people who simply dedicate their lives to prayer and to others."

At Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Archbishop of Paris, extinguished seven candles lit by Christians, Muslims and Jews last month. "The candles represented hope for their lives. I wanted them to burn forever," he said.

The monks were the last Trappists remaining in Algeria. A total of 116 foreign nationals have been killed by *Algerian Islamic extremists* since 1993, and the monks' deaths bring the number of French citizens killed to 39.

The GIA, the most militant of the groups battling to turn Algeria into an Islamic state, accuses Paris of providing economic and military support to the Algerian Government. In 1993 the group ordered all foreigners to leave the country. The extremists' statement said that the monks had been killed because Paris *refused to hold negotiations* over the release of GIA suspects held in France.

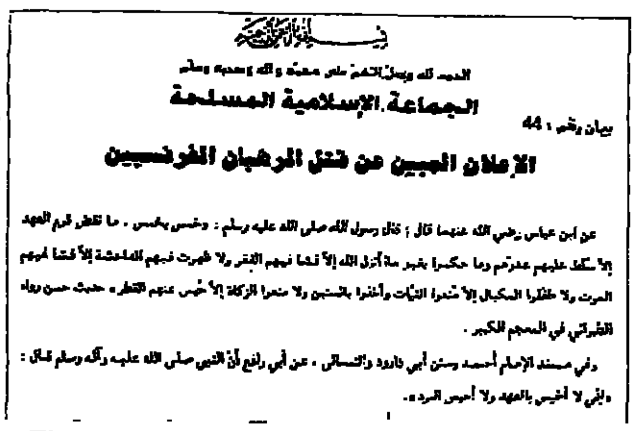
"They broke off the process and so we slit the throats of the monks. Thus we have executed our threat, as we swore to do before God," said the communiqué from the group.

Medea is known to be a GIA stronghold, but the monks maintained friendly relations with the guerrilla forces, referring to them as "our mountain brothers". The seven were abducted after armed mili*tants gained entry to the* monastery by claiming that one of them needed medical attention from 82-year-old Brother Luc, a doctor.

France once again called on French citizens in Algeria to leave the country immediately, noting that the fate of the monks "confirms yet again the extreme danger in Algeria for isolated people who are particularly exposed".

More than 40,000 people have died in political and religious violence in Algeria *since 1992, when the army* intervened to cancel elections which fundamentalists were poised to win. President Zeroual of Algeria said he would seek to end the conditions "which led to or helped this tragedy which is drowning Algeria in grief". He said he would restore order in the country through dialogue and reforms.

"It is now certain that the monks mave been assassinated," said Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, add*ing a personal plea for French* nationals to leave Algeria as soon as possible.



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The terrorist note which said the monks were dead

Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger prays for the monks, killed by order of Djamel Zitouni, the GIA leader, below

WORLD SUMMARY

Leader of Colombia is cleared

PRESIDENT SAMPER of Colombia appears to have beaten off demands for his impeachment, after a parliamentary commission investigating accusations that he took drug money recommended that he be absolved (David Adams writes).

The committee argued that the evidence showed the President had no knowledge of an estimated $6 million (£3.9 million) in contributions to his 1994 election campaign.

India confident about hostages

Kokarnag, Kashmir: The British, American and German Governments have been *told by Indian authorities that* four Western hostages kidnapped by the Al Faran group more than ten months ago are probably alive (Christopher Thomas writes). The last credible sighting was in December in the Himalayan foothills.

State must pay for oil deaths

Madrid: A court here ordered the state to pay £38,700 for each of 1,200 people who have died since 1981 after consuming contaminated cooking oil. Lesser sums are to be paid for disabled survivors. One civil servant was fined £105 for approving the oil but six others were acquitted. *(AFP)*

Bulgarian king returns home

Sofia: Simeon II, the Bulgarian king forced into exile when *he was nine by the Communists,* is due back today for the first time in 50 years. He has been invited for a three-week stay by a group of 101 intellectuals for discussions about the country's future. *(AFP)*

Virus deadline

Geneva: The World Health Organisation recommended destroying the world's last stocks of the smallpox virus in 1999, giving scientists time to find any remaining stocks of the killer virus. *(Reuter)*

US Army beaten in screen wars

From Quentin Letts in New York

THE US Army demanded plot changes to a coming film about the Gulf War when producers asked to borrow military equipment.

The draft script of *Courage Under Fire*, starring Meg Ryan and Denzel Washington, portrayed an army cover-up of a fictitious "friendly fire" incident in the Gulf War in which an American soldier died accidentally at the hands of his own side. When the film's producers asked to hire army equipment at reduced rates, the military liaison office for Hollywood replied that it would be available only if certain lines were dropped from the script.

Parts of the film are based on the real story of Corporal Douglas Fielder, one of 35 American servicemen (and *some British personnel) killed* by US friendly fire in the war. The film will be released in America this summer.

Washington's character, an embattled colonel, was portrayed as something of a drinker. The army said it would rather he did not and that he should kindly mention the military rehabilitation programme for alcoholics. Also, did he *have* to beat someone up and quite so clearly hold a low opinion of the Pentagon?

Executives for 20th Century Fox began by negotiating with the army, but with both sides playing "hardball" things did not go well. Army officials expressed distaste that Ryan's *helicopter pilot was described* as "butch", a word with Sapphic connotations. Nor did it help that a hospital for veterans was to be presented as "a living hell". The central plank of the story, the military cover-up, was a phenomenon entirely unrecognised by the army.

The producers needed 12 M1 Abrams tanks and knew that the army was the cheapest supplier. When the negotiations started to break down, the film-makers looked elsewhere and ended by hiring 12 Centurions from Australia.

Kathy Ross, a civilian at the Hollywood offices of the US Army's public affairs unit, said yesterday: "We tried to be *as helpful as we could. We like* to make films more accurate." She denied that there had been any pressure to clean up the film, but agreed that films about military life are vital "recruiting sergeants".

A producer on the film said that the army had tried to impose "micro-management". Its line-by-line script suggestions "went well beyond issues of concept and theme", he told the *Wall Street Journal*. The negotiations went through five scripts before the producers finally lost patience.

Ryan plays "butch" helicopter pilot

Heseltine undermines Patten on democracy

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

MICHAEL HESELTINE, the Deputy Prime Minister, yes*terday undermined Chris Pat*ten's fundamental insistence that Hong Kong's economic success was based on the rule of law and its political freedoms.

During a stop-over in Hong Kong after a week in China, Mr Heseltine said repeatedly that Hong Kong and China have an "identity of interest", which he invariably identified as economic.

For three years Mr Patten, the Governor, has emphasised that "modest democracy", including a wholly and fairly elected Legislative Council, underpins the continuing suc*cess and stability of Hong* Kong. By contrast, Mr Heseltine, who led 270 businessmen to China, said that Hong Kong's stability and prosperity depended on its economic connections with China.

He said he had been reassured on that point by Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, and by President Jiang Zemin whom he had met yesterday in the port city of Zhu Hai, just across the border.

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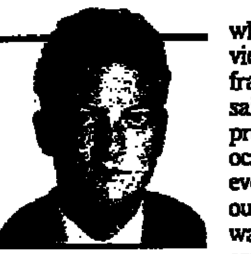
Self-made capitalist in designer clothes proves Communists have ditched dogmatic straitjacket

'Red Banker' shows profit

MOSCOW FILE

by RICHARD BEESTON



WHEN Russians shudder at the thought of Communist hardliners regaining power, they imagine the revenge of elderly generals with chests of medals, grey-haired bureaucrats in ill-fitting suits and shadowy KGB secret policemen with dark glasses.

"People just jump to conclusions; we are not like that any more," said Vladimir Semago, who is living proof that the Russian Communist Party of today has certainly changed since it was driven from power five years ago.

Dressed in French designer clothes, Mr Semago looks more like an aspiring tycoon on Wall Street than a potential hero of socialist labour. Even when he reaches into his well-tailored sports jacket to pluck out his party membership book, he gives the clear impression that the document is about as far as his socialist credentials go.

"There are 11 of us entrepreneurs who are also Communist deputies in the Duma," he said in his spacious Moscow office. "There would be nothing strange if this was Italy or some other country, but because it is Russia people are surprised."

The former construction engineer, 49, opened a small café during the reform era a decade ago and never looked back. Today his empire includes a bank, several restaurants, a casino and the Moscow Commercial Club, the capital's first elite gentlemen's club, copied from the London model. Not surprisingly, the capitalist exploits of the "Red Banker", as he is nicknamed, have not gone down well with many of his fellow Communists. Aleksandr Shabanov, the Number Three in the leadership, recently questioned whether Mr Semago should be allowed to remain in the party. Viktor Anpilov, the Stalinist chief of another hardline Communist faction, made it clear this week that all banks should be privatised and bankers turned into bureaucrats or factory workers.

"Of course, there are people who resent me, but their views are old-fashioned, and frankly Anpilov is a joke," said Mr Semago, confidently predicting that the social democrats within the party would eventually triumph. "Many of our supporters today do not want to go back to the Soviet era. They are just voting for us because they want to change the current system."

He even argued that today's Communists in Russia would actually benefit private businesses because those operating in today's market were currently forced to work with corrupt government officials and powerful "mafia" groups.

"I am not in favour of punishing honest businessmen, but I am for rooting out those people who gained their wealth illegally by stripping the state of its assets," he said, in a pointed threat to several leading figures close to the Yeltsin Government.

After the "pragmatic Communists" have restored Russia's greatness, Mr Semago believes that once again the adapted Communist ideology can be exported. "It may take decades to achieve, but the world is a small place and we share many common problems, like the environment. If we get it right in Russia, people will follow our lead."

SAM HUTCHINSON/MOSCOOP

Vladimir Semago: "We do not want to go back to the Soviet era"

Jokes give Yeltsin the last laugh

WHEN a Russian reporter was discovered trying to conceal a tape recorder in a conference room used by Communist Party deputies at the Duma, the lower house of parliament, colleagues wondered why she had bothered. While Communist plotting might make interesting reading, according to opinion polls most Russians have already made up their minds that, win or lose, President Yeltsin will still be in the Kremlin after the presidential elections.

The conventional wisdom is best summed up by the latest joke circulating in Moscow: "Have you heard the election results? The Communists got 55 per cent of the vote, and Yeltsin did even better."

Candidates let cats and dogs out of the bag

WHEN Russia's presidential candidates complain that the campaign has become too Western, they mean that they are tired of the media's relentless delving into their personal lives.

Not content with putting the candidates' spouses under the spotlight, the press is now focusing on their pets. In a country where owning a pedigree dog can be the ultimate status symbol, Gennadi Zyuganov, the humourless Communist candidate, in an effort to project a "softer" image, let it be known that the real love of his life is Vaska. The cat is a red-and-yellow tabby, the same colours as the Communist flag.

Not to be outdone, General Aleksandr Lebed, the tough former paratrooper and nationalist candidate, was also keen to prove that behind the brawn he has heart. His party revealed that his real love is Cheswick, a bouncy English sheepdog, and Kuza his cat.

As befits the leading liberal candidate, Grigori Yavlinsky is a true democrat when it comes to his pets. He has a pure-bred alsatian and a stray.

Not surprisingly, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, has an ambiguous record. While the extremist loved his horse, he was far more secretive about the death of his pet dog.

The candidate with the worst pet rating is President Yeltsin: his office refused to say what animals, if any, he kept, leading to speculation that he may be a secret animal-hater.

The Rock's old enemy adopts a softer approach

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN MADRID

A SPANISH politician who once urged "an iron attitude" against Gibraltar is pressing Madrid to be more conciliatory in its dealings with the British territory.

César Braña, the man to whom Gibraltarians have traditionally attributed all frontier delays and harassment, retires today as Civil Governor of Cádiz. On the eve of his departure, he has said that "Spain must have in mind the sentiments, thoughts and opinions of the Gibraltarian people".

In an interview with the *Gibraltar Chronicle* published today, Señor Braña calls on José Maria Aznar's Government to restart the "Seville process" — the formula by which Spanish, British and Gibraltarian representatives met in the Andalusian city in February and November 1995 to discuss a range of practical issues, excluding sovereignty. Abel Matutes, the Spanish Foreign Minister, is believed to have regarded the Seville process as a "sell-out" to Joe Bossano, the former Chief Minister of Gibraltar.

Expressing careful satisfaction at the election of a new Government on the Rock, Señor Braña says he believes the time had come for "good neighbourliness" and "mutual confidence" between the citizens of Gibraltar and the neighbouring Campo region in Spain. Describing Señor Matutes as "hard line", Señor Braña emphasises that he has "never personally been a party to the possibility of closing the border".

Asked for his views on the future of the Rock, the outgoing Civil Governor hints at a preference for Madrid and London to distance themselves from the issue. "Progress on Gibraltar must be done at the local level," he said.

Art police line up lost treasures

FROM RICHARD OWEN
IN ROME

AN ART exhibition with a difference has opened in Rome — the show, mounted by the police, has half the paintings missing. The aim is to shock the public into realising how many treasures disappear from Italy's churches and museums.

The missing masterpieces are represented by copies and photographs. According to Colonel Roberto Conforti, head of the Carabinieri's anti-art-theft unit, 30,000 art objects are stolen in Italy every year. The main problem is that much of Italy's vast artistic heritage is kept in poorly guarded churches.

The exhibition, dubbed the "museum of ghost paintings" by Rome art critics, is being held at the Castel Sant' Angelo, near the Vatican. Perhaps the best known lost masterpiece is Caravaggio's last work, his magnificent *Nativity*, which was stolen in 1969.

Half the exhibition is proudly devoted to works which the Carabinieri have successfully tracked down and recovered. But Colonel Conforti said both the public and the church authorities needed to be more vigilant.

Albanian leader jeered by voters

FROM JAMES PETTIFER IN TIRANA

ON THE muddy football pitch in the little lowland town of Marmuras, the Albanian voters are waiting for their President. With parliamentary elections due tomorrow, they have their chance to give a verdict on the last four years of Sali Berisha's Democratic Party Government.

Marmuras has some bright lights, shops and many little kiosks, all a sign of his post-Communist achievement. It also has very high unemployment and derelict housing blocks. Most people depend on money from relatives working in Italy or Greece.

President Berisha arrives in his black Mercedes with curtained windows and a heavy posse of security guards. The welcome is less than rapturous. His speech concentrates heavily on patriotism and the threat to the Albanian homeland posed by the Red Front, the opposition Socialists. Although local Democratic Party cheerleaders do their best, the speech is met with whistles and boos.

Although some opinion polls have shown him holding on to enough of his 1992 vote to win, most local observers feel that, providing the election is fair, which is open to question, he has a lot to do to win decisively.

Many voters see the President as a divisive figure with an inherently authoritarian style of government. His fierce anti-communism was an asset in the early days of his administration, but there is a distinct sense in the campaign so far of a move towards consensus and a more moderate government.

☐ **Death sentences:** An Albanian court sentenced to death three senior ex-Communist officials on charges of crimes against humanity and political persecution while in power. The three are expected to appeal. *(Reuter)*

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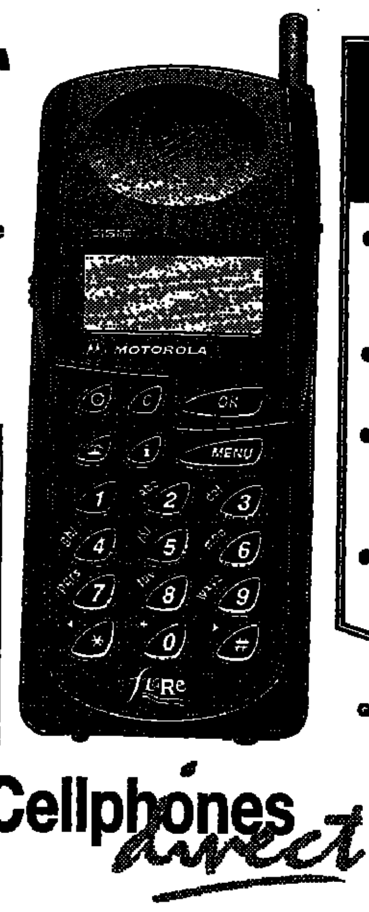

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A fishy tale and a British triumph

WEEK IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

You will probably be wondering why I am dispatching this column from an excellent fish restaurant in Bergen, Norway. Colleagues tell me that the Editor, too, has taken a keen interest in this subject. Well, I will tell you the same thing as I shall tell him. Then, if my amusing little face is mysteriously erased from this page next week, you may guess the reason.

The fact is that I am reporting on a British cultural triumph. It may look like a plate of herrings to you, but appearances are deceptive. For two weeks, Bergen has made itself the centre of the arts world. It has revamped its festival as an event of ambitious international scope. As they joke in Norway: "Be there, or be Swedish." (It's probably funnier in Norwegian.)

And British performers are playing a key part. Indeed, the festival's opening performance is delivered by no less an ensemble than the Royal Ballet, and a tremendous impression it makes with Twyla Tharp's *Mr Worldly Wise*. Not everything goes according to plan, perhaps: at one point the divine Darcey Bussell collides gracefully with the scenery (darling, it was *definitely* the scenery's fault). At the end, however, King Harald himself leads his subjects in a standing ovation for the British dancers.

For some reason, probably a misunderstanding, I am seated for these opening events in the midst of Norway's entire diplomatic community. Wonderful entertainment! The British Ambassador smiles quietly and basks in his compatriots' glory. The French Ambassador, however, realises that he has work to do if he is to regain the cultural initiative. "I have been researching the origin of the Norwegian flag," he tells me. "It seems probable that the colours red, white and blue were borrowed by the Norwegians from the French Tricolour to convey the spirit of liberty."

I ponder this historical bombshell. Surely the red in the Norwegian flag is deeper, more like maroon? But even weightier conundrums lie ahead. The German chargé d'affaires approaches, wearing a puzzled frown. "The title of this ballet," he says. "How would you translate *Mr Worldly Wise*, please?"

"Into German?" I croak, trying to conceal my rising panic.

"No," he replies. "Into English."

Later the British Ambassador hosts a splendid lunch to fête the Royal Ballet. I find myself sitting next to a young Norwegian gloriously bedecked in a blazer embroidered with gold brocade. Suspecting that he might be the Bergen town bandmaster, I ask him what his day job is.

"I am Mick Jagger's physiotherapist," he replies.

Is this more Norwegian humour? Should I riposte with ". . . and I am Keith Richards's personal chaplain"? But no. It turns out that my blazered friend is exactly what he claims. On his shoulders falls the onerous responsibility of easing the aches, pains and pelvic stress fractures of the world's longest-running rock legend.

He rose only gradually to this pre-eminent position in the world of physiotherapy. For a while after studying in Britain, he tells me, he administered the magic sponge on the hacked shins of footballers, first at Dundee United and then at Crystal Palace. After that he was engaged to nurture the rather more comely physiques of the Royal Ballet. Then his skills were spotted by Jagger.

So how does Jagger drag those 53-year-old limbs together for yet another show? "He's a highly intelligent man," the physio says. "He will do half an hour of serious warm-up exercises before each performance, just like any athlete."

The Stones have postponed the latest leg of their tour, so the physio has been temporarily laid off. "Still," he muses cheerfully, "I'm off to the Canaries next week to look after some windsurfers."

I decide that I want to be a physiotherapist. Then I start to imagine what gruesome daily tasks might be required to revive the raddled Jagger torso, and decide to stick with journalism.

Meanwhile, one topic dominates conversation in Norway's musical community, and it is a sad one: the heart attack that has struck down Mariss Jansons, the magnificent Latvian conductor who has raised the Oslo Philharmonic to world-class standard and was recently appointed as Lorin Maazel's successor in Pittsburgh.

It happened in dramatic circumstances. Jansons was conducting what was, by all accounts, a highly-charged performance of *La Bohème* in Oslo, and had reached the final death scene when he collapsed. He will be out of action for many weeks, though the Oslo Philharmonic still hopes that he will lead its visits to the Proms and Edinburgh Festival in August.

"He worked far too much," a Norwegian impresario says. "It was bound to happen." Perhaps. But Jansons's generous way of making music — 200 per cent commitment all the time — must have been equally sapping.

By coincidence I have just finished reading the late Peter Heyworth's masterly account of Klemperer's life (now published in its full, two-volume glory). One does not wish ill-health on anybody. But sometimes, as with Klemperer, a great musician produces something extraordinary after serious illness. So too, I hope, with Jansons. The world has too few conductors of his calibre and, at 53, he has much more to say.

Even cowgirls get the boos

THEATRE

Calamity Jane
Sadler's Wells

MARILYN KINGWILL

Whip crack away: Gemma Craven and the cast of *Calamity Jane* in full cry. The songs are the best part of the show

Once upon a time (in 1953) this was a film, and Doris Day went whip crack, and away went the stage from Sioux City to Deadwood. Now the film has become a theatre show and it is Gemma Craven's turn to lie on top of the stagecoach and take pot shots at Injuns. Two come jerkily behind her, crouched on mechanical steeds, jostling for pole position like the Derby runners in the Drury Lane melodramas of 100 years ago. But no matter how furiously the driver belabours his horse, the creature never moves, not even to jerk its mechanical head.

I thought this pretty pathetic in a big-scale touring show. But when the horses came back again, and again, and eventually (at the end) when Jane's gallops backwards, I understood that these ridiculous animals were a joke.

Jane's log cabin that rotates in the usual manner, so that having seen the outside we will see the inside, provides another joke when she and her various guests are disconcerted by a cabin that thinks it is a roundabout. This is a Post-Modernist sort of joke but it is the only thing in the show that gets anywhere near modernity.

Of course several of the songs are enjoyably old-fashioned and justifiably became standards before any of the youthful chorus were born: *Windy City*, *Secret Love*, though Craven delivers it here with an odd huskiness, and the wistful *Black Hills of Dakota*. Paul Francis Webster's lyrics for this are embarrassingly banal — though elsewhere he rhymes "Philadelphia" with "I'll never ring a bell f'yer" — but Sammy Fain's melody is the essence of dreamy nostalgia, and Paul Kerryson's production does not let us forget it. First the locals sway from side to side in the moonlight, then the melody comes back as a waltz and we have more than enough ballroom dancing to go with it.

The show has enjoyed a successful tour, and doubtless will bring comfort to many fans during its three-week stay at the Wells, but apart from the songs and those jokes with the horses and the spinning cabin, it is not a great evening.

Wild Bill Hickok (Stephen McGann) is not much of a role. Grace Kinirons has a chance to show her legs as Katie Brown, the dresser to a Chicago star who turns in seconds from a shy incompetent to a full-throated entertainer.

And then there is Craven, so good in *South Pacific* but rather unappealing in this argumentative and tomboyish role. The assumptions of the piece are also politically incorrect to a ludicrous degree with the blather about the daft way women think. Nothing about how piercingly they can sing when gathered into a chorus to go squawk, squeal, squeak, whoop and, of course, whip crack.

JEREMY KINGSTON

BASE NOTES

Gérard Mortier, iconoclastic boss of the Salzburg Festival, is emerging as front-runner to succeed Jeremy Isaacs as general director of the Royal Opera House. The decision is expected next month. Meanwhile, only one new production has been announced for the **Royal Opera's** 1996-97 season. It is the British professional premiere of Hans Pfitzner's massive opera *Palestrina* — allegedly the butt of Noël Coward's famous description: "*Parsifal* without the jokes". The Covent Garden season also includes three *Ring* cycles, plus Wagner's *Lohengrin* and *Meistersinger* and Strauss's *Salome* and *Elektra*. On December 12, **Placido Domingo** will sing at a gala to celebrate his 25 years with the company and to raise funds for Covent Garden's redevelopment fund.

● ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA, meanwhile, has announced 190 performances of 18 productions at the Coliseum for next season. There will be seven new productions, including a *La traviata* by **Jonathan Miller** and the first staging by a British company of Zimmermann's huge postwar epic *Die Soldaten*, while Rossini's *The Italian Girl in Algiers* returns to the repertory for the first time in almost 30 years. There will also be new partnerships with the dance world: **Martha Clarke**, the choreographer, is doing *Orpheus and Eurydice* for ENO; and the **Mark Morris** Dance Group will perform Handel's *L'Allegro* with ENO musicians and singers.

● ONE of the most popular ballets ever created in America is joining the Royal Ballet's repertoire next season. *Push Comes to Shove*, which **Twyla Tharp** choreographed for Mikhail Baryshnikov and American Ballet Theatre in the 1970s, will be premiered at Covent Garden next February with **Tetsuya Kumakawa** tipped for the Baryshnikov role. New works by **Ashley Page**, **Glen Tetley** and **Christopher Wheeldon** will also feature in the season.

● **Harold Pinter** will direct the premiere of his new play *Ashes To Ashes* — a two-hander — at the Ambassadors Theatre, opening on September 19, as part of the Royal Court's opening season of work in the West End. Stephen Rea, who has not been seen on stage locally since he became a film star in *The Crying Game*, co-stars opposite Lindsay Duncan. Previews start on September 9.

● **Emma Thompson** will star opposite her mother, **Phyllida Law**, in *The Winter Guest*, a low-budget film that starts shooting in Scotland in the autumn and marks **Alan Rickman**'s film directing debut. Rickman directed the stage version of **Sharman Macdonald's** play last year at the Almeida, with Law heading the cast. Law appears alongside her other actress-daughter, Sophie, in the forthcoming Miramax film of Jane Austen's *Emma*.

Playing fast and Loos

ANTHONY Clark's stage revival of *Gentleman Prefer Blondes* is not the screenplay with the big numbers made in 1953. He has gone back to the 1920s play, Anita Loos's own dramatisation of her original monthly serial for *Harper's Bazaar*. Some of the basic ingredients here are the same as in the film: two gals from Little Rock; a cruise liner to Paris; leering codgers; wives demanding the return of their tiaras. However, Loos's theatrical protagonists are surprisingly different from their celluloid reincarnations.

This means actress Lucy Akhurst, thankfully, does not have to match Marilyn Monroe every inch of the way. Akhurst's Lorelei, for starters, is a flapper and receives praise for her flat chest. Less fortunately, she also lacks defining characteristics. She neither acts laughably dumb nor pumps out pure sex appeal. Meanwhile the brassy brunette Dorothy seems more fed up than sassy and sparky.

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes
Birmingham Rep

not helped by Victoria Scarborough's slack comic timing.

Because the central performances are so watery, the production has a hole in the middle. Still, the supporting cast animate cameo roles with real brio. James Dreyfus steals the show with his preposterous nymphomaniacal parlour maid and his poisonous drag spinster, mealy-mouthed, mincing stiffly and taking hugely undignified tumbles.

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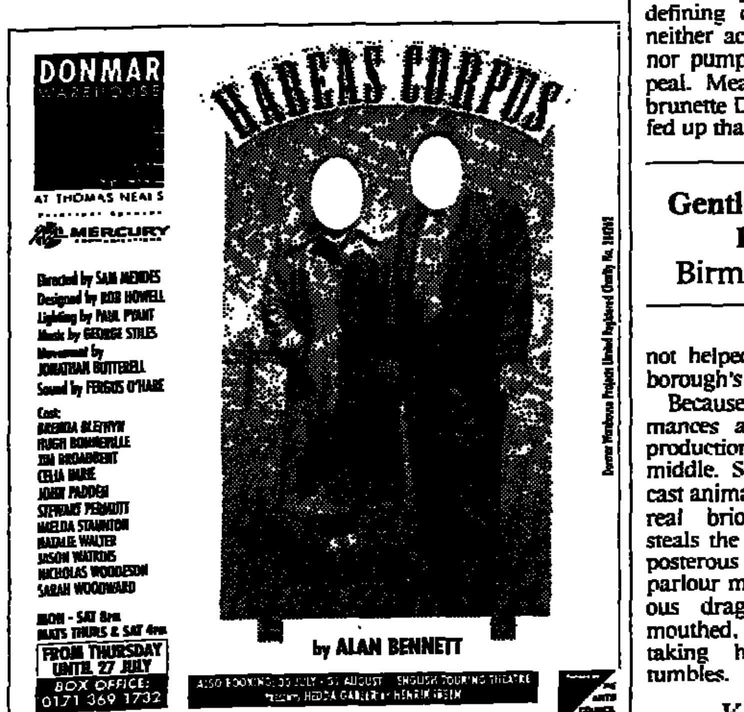

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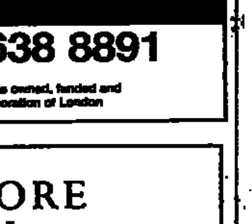

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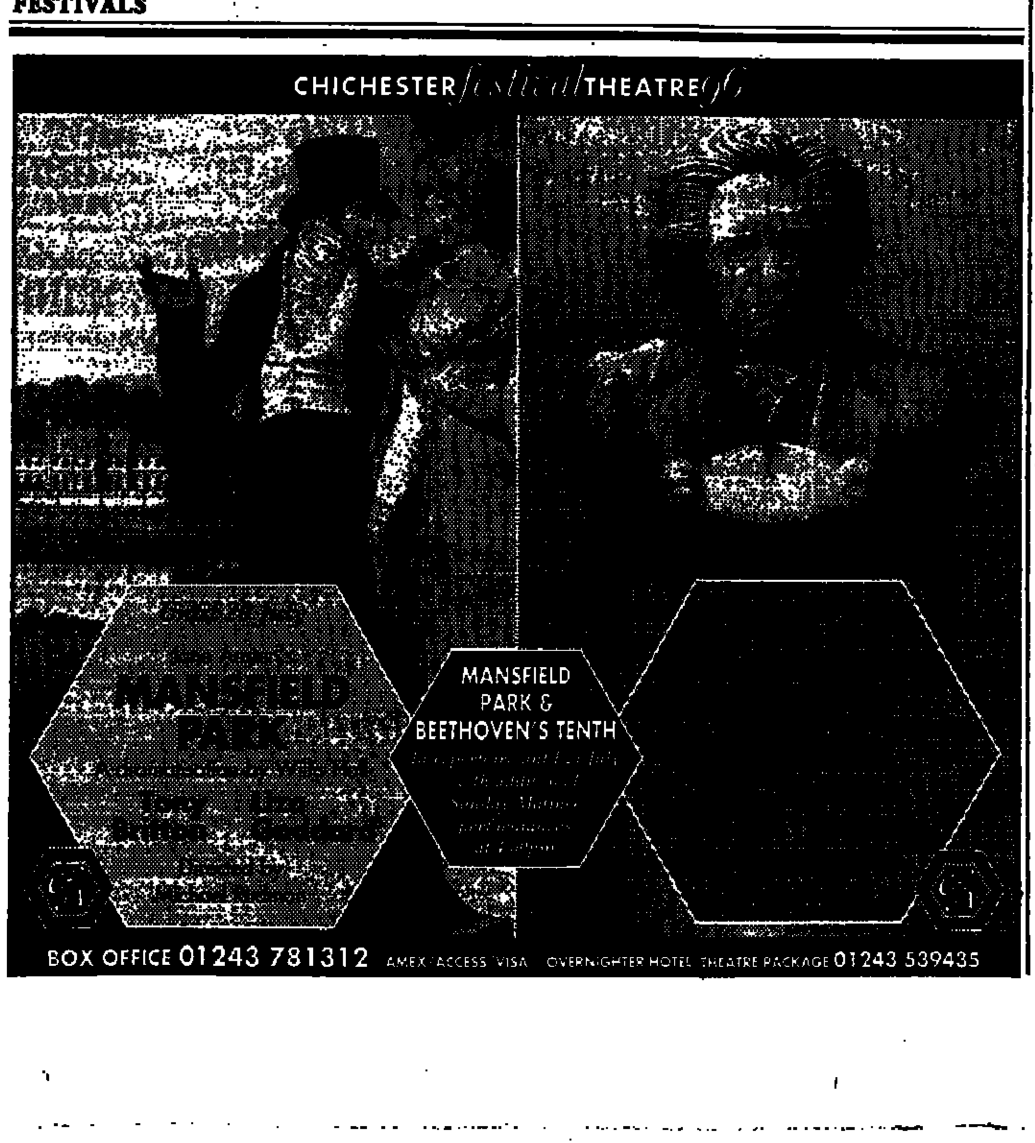

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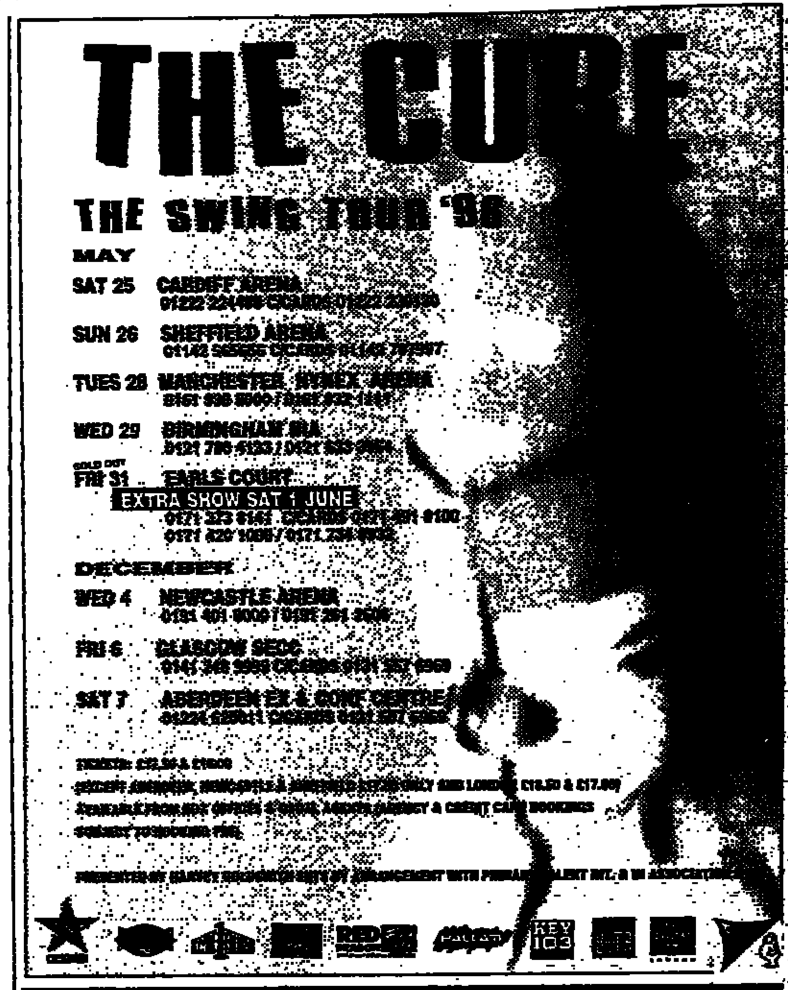

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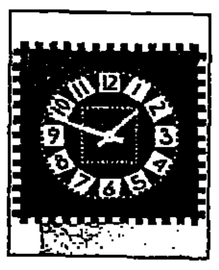

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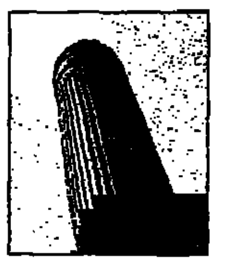

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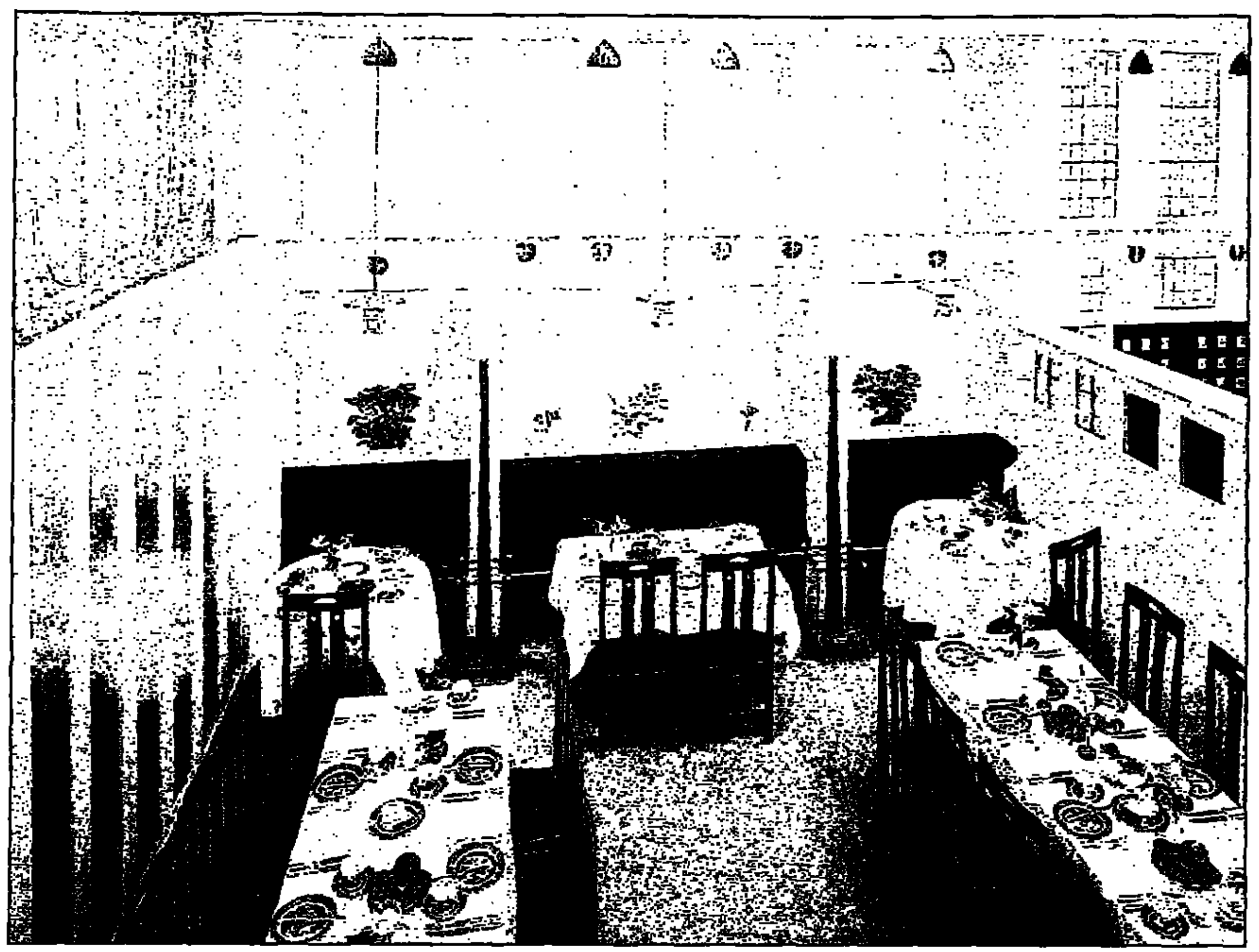


One of the famous Mackintosh tearooms — *that in Ingram Street — reconstructed* at the McLellan Galleries

The attitude of Glasgow to one of its more distinguished sons, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, changed radically in the *mid-1970s. Up to then,* although his architectural masterpiece, the Glasgow School of Art, was accepted with tolerant affection, Mackintosh was regarded largely as a man with an unfortunate knack of building right in the way of planned ring-roads and flyovers.

Then, 20 years ago, that changed. A chair by Mackintosh came up in a London auction and was sold for the unheard-of sum of £9,000. Today it does not sound very much: two relatively ordinary, careworn chairs in the Fine Art Society's newly opened Spring '96 show are priced at £40,000 each. But back in *those days £9,000 proved what* had formerly been in doubt: that whatever might be thought of Mackintosh's aesthetic virtues, the products of his fertile talent were worth serious money. Overnight, he became a national treasure.

The Willow Rooms, the only one of Mackintosh's famous tearooms to survive, was reconstituted in 1980. Mackintosh's own house was *reconstructed on the university campus in* 1981. The College of Art, now equipped with its own Mackintosh gift shop, is besieged with visitors.

The extent of current Mackintosh frenzy can be gauged by the huge new show *Charles Rennie Mackintosh*, which is due to travel from the *McLellan Galleries to the* Metropolitan in New York, the Art Institute of Chicago and Los Angeles County Museum. The show does not even, *as is usual these days,* coincide with any obvious anniversary, since Mackintosh was born in 1868 *and died in 1928.* But there is no doubt that the time is ripe for a major re-evaluation, and this is it.

Every now and then the presentation perhaps gets a little too gimmicky, as with the columns equipped with eye and nose holes at the top, to which one bends in order to observe stereoscopic colour pictures of the School of Art, or the corner structures which *purport to tell us about "the* real Mackintosh" through long inscriptions reflected in mirrors. But, by and large, the show does its best to stand in for what is missing (the buildings themselves) with exhaustive documentation of Mackintosh's own exquisite original drawings, early and new photographs, and some outstanding models, works of art in their own right.

Also, the most imagination-grabbing section of the whole exhibition, the Ladies Luncheon Room from the Ingram Street tearooms, stored in boxes for the past 20 years, is reconstructed in its entirety.

Mackintosh believed, and persuaded many of his clients to believe, in unity of effect, so that he was called upon to *design furniture, fixtures and* fittings, and many such items are shown to advantage. The chairs in particular have become so popular an image, and so widely reproduced, that it is sometimes difficult to strip away preconceptions and *look* clearly at the things themselves. One does sometimes wonder whether they would actually be very comfortable to sit on, but there is *no gainsaying their effect as* instantly recognisable sculptural objects.

While much of the furniture does conform to the stereotypical view of Mackintosh's own vertically unchallenged, largely rectilinear brand of Art Nouveau, it is good also to be reminded of his sadly short-lived later phase when, to*wards the end of the First* World War, he found a new patron in the Northampton manufacturer W.J. Bassett-Lowke and evolved a new, jazzy, strongly coloured style which, alas, he was never able to develop further. (Incidental*ly, the sudden prominence of* vivid yellows in these decorative schemes is apparently due to the fact that Bassett-Lowke was colour-blind, and yellow *was the only colour he could* clearly distinguish.)

The reason that the Bassett-Lowke commissions had no progeny was that Mackintosh had fallen on hard times. By *1914* he was so desperate for work that he resettled in London, where he was little known and out of tune with current taste. There he did any *work that came to hand, and a* roomful of textile designs testifies he was still far in advance of his potential clientele.

In 1923 he moved to the South of France and concentrated entirely on watercolours, mostly landscapes crisply *delineated in his own* parallel to Cubist segmentation. These are extraordinarily beautiful and expressive, and demonstrate that his creativity *was not at all diminished* in his last, sad years.

The main thing that could be urged against the show is that it does not tell us enough about Mackintosh's context. *How*, precisely, *did* his evolution relate to that of kindred figures such as Frank Lloyd Wright and the Viennese school of Hoffmann and Loos? *It would be good to learn more* specifically about his fruitful partnership with his wife, Margaret Macdonald, and with her sister and brother-in-law Frances and Herbert MacNair.

But these are small cavils. *Whatever its former shortcom*ings, Glasgow has finally done Mackintosh proud.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

● Charles Rennie Mackintosh *is at the McLellan Galleries, 270 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (0141-331 1854) until Sept 30*

New, original Mackintosh

In December 1900, a German interior design magazine launched a competition to design a House for an Art Lover. Charles Rennie Mackintosh submitted an entry in 1901, but was initially disqualified. He resubmitted a portfolio of de*signs and they were awarded* a special purchase prize. The designs were published, and enhanced Mackintosh's growing international reputation.

In January 1988 Graham Roxburgh, a consulting engineer, and his stepdaughter *Melanie Lang, hatched an* idea to build the House for an Art Lover. On a lunchtime jog through Bellahouston Park in Glasgow, Roxburgh found the perfect site, with a walled garden lying next to it. He asked Andrew MacMillan, *head of the Mackintosh* School of Architecture in Glasgow, to prepare the plans. Missing details had to be added, using Glasgow School of Art and the Queen's Cross Church as examples. The City of Glasgow, the former Strathclyde Regional Council and the former Scottish Development Agency offered funding.

By 1990, however, although the façade was complete, the funds had dried up, stopping completion of the interior. In 1992 the Art Lover's House *Trust was set up to raise* funds, and in the end £3 million was spent on the construction of the building. This August it will be opened to the public.

The Music Room, for example, incorporates all the details *shown in the original 1901* designs: it is elegant, lit by tall windows on one side, and with elongated female figures stencilled in the recesses. The high-backed chairs and coloured lamps on slender wires add to the simplicity and freshness of the room. *The gesso panels,* repoussé metal panels, stencilling, lighting and carpet design, were all worked on by local specialist Scottish craftsmen and women. If this house had actually been built in the early 1900s, it would surely have made Mackintosh's name.

At Strathnairn, seven miles *from Inverness, a set of* Mackintosh drawings was turned into an Artist's Cottage and Studio for Peter and Maxine Tovell in 1991/92. The architect Robert Hamilton Macintyre and the contractor Paul Carter worked to create the Tovells' *dream house. What is unique* about the Artist's Cottage is that they live in it with their family, mixing Mackintosh detail with their own belongings. It has an intimate yet stark feel about it, with all the Mackintosh details — leaded glass, *high-backed chairs and* that Japanese simplicity mixed with Scottish sobriety.

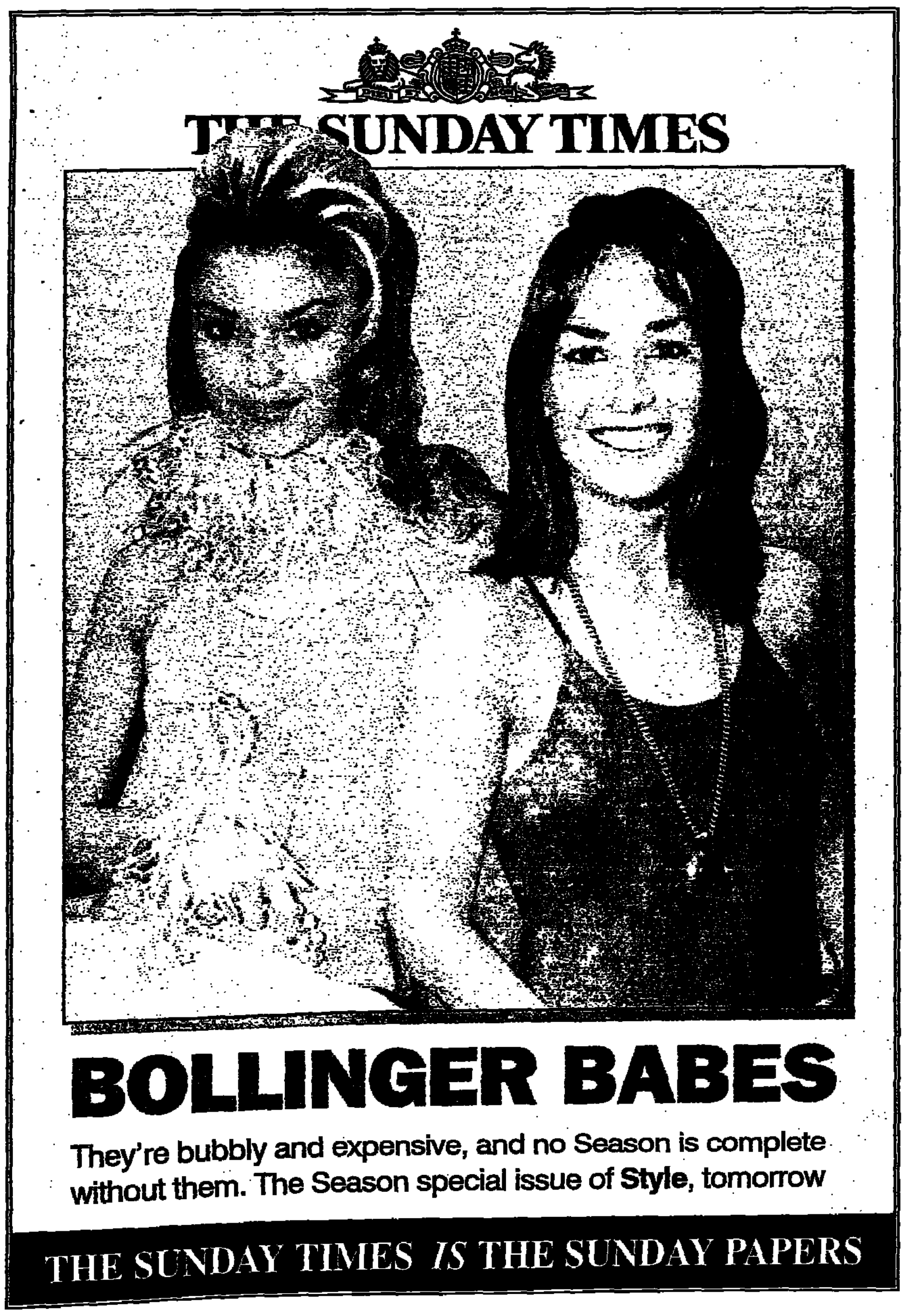
As Mackintosh had designed the cottage to be serviced by chambermaids, the ratio of hearths to lavatories had to be changed to meet 1990s *standards, and a stair*case was put in to reach the roof terrace.

Last year the Tovells also built two identical cottages next door. These were originally designed to be the gatehouses for Auchenbothie *Mains, outside Glasgow, but* were never built.

The original plans for the cottage were made in 1900, the year of Mackintosh's marriage to Margaret Macdonald. It is sad to think that Mackintosh probably planned the *cottage to be their home, but* never had the wealth to proceed.

HEATHER WADDELL

● *The Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society (0141-946 6600), is organising short-break weekend tours of Mackintosh buildings this summer*



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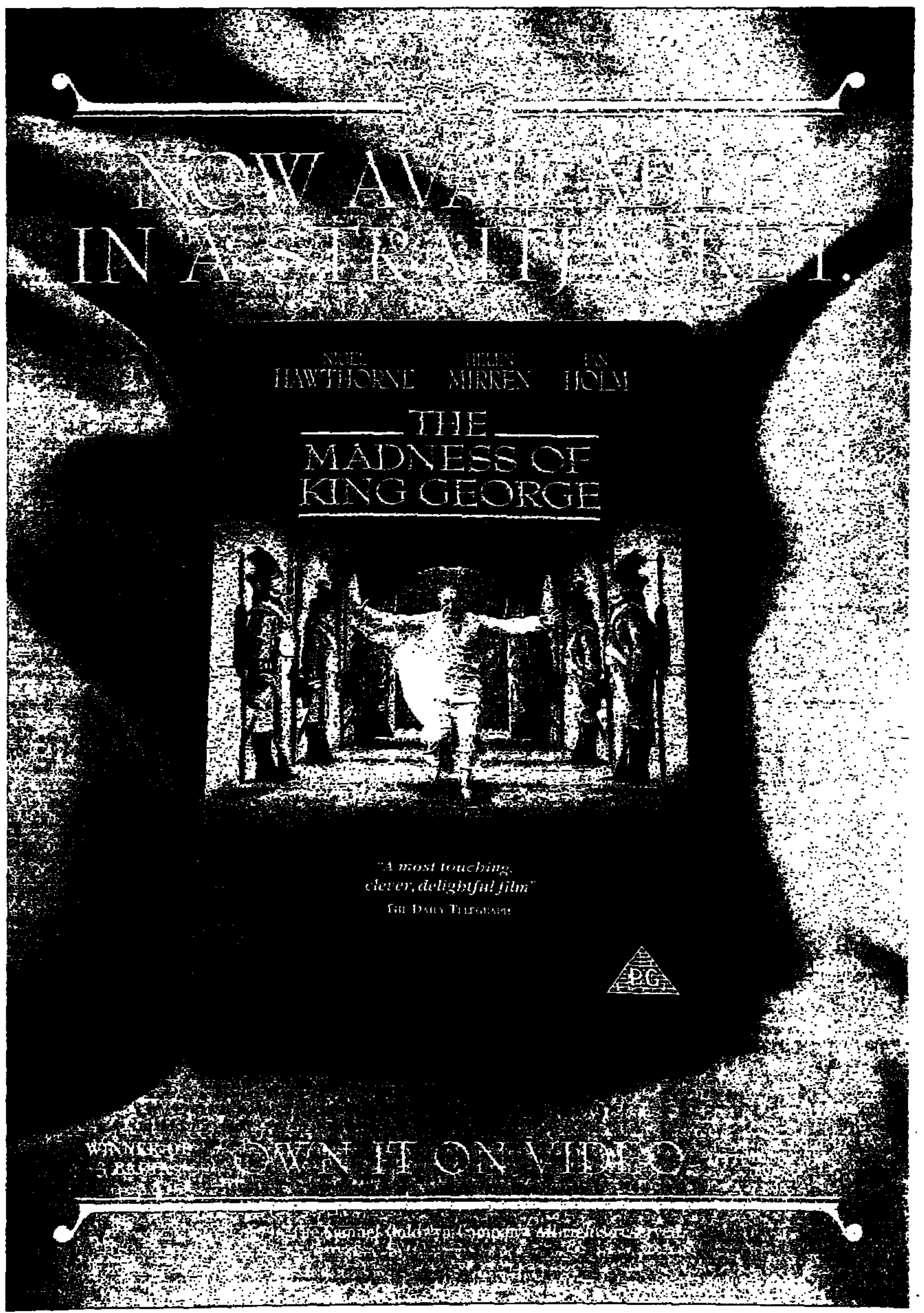

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Silence of a billion consciences

Jonathan Mirsky on why the Chinese cannot face their past

China's tradition prizes study; in the People's Republic actual learning is quite another thing. This explains why the 30th anniversary of the Cultural Revolution has just come and gone silently — except in millions of hearts and minds.

What Chairman Mao set going in 1966 was described by the party in 1981 as modern China's worst-ever catastrophe. But silence is more than golden in China; it is literally a life-and-death matter. Twenty-one years ago, to raise a ghastly example, the party executed Zhang Zhixin who had raised some intolerable questions. Before she was shot, a hole was cut in her windpipe so that she could not speak, even to her executioners.

Hundreds of thousands of Chinese died in what is officially called the "disastrous decade" of 1966-76, including many top members of the leadership who became targets of Mao's passion for revenge. Many millions of ordinary people were marked, physically or emotionally, for life. There are no monuments to Zhang Zhixin or to other victims. Only silence.

Like the Holocaust, the Cultural Revolution demands understanding. Yet research into the catastrophe is not permitted and school and university texts slink past the subject. In 1981, when Deng Xiaoping was overseeing the party's judgment on the Cultural Revolution, he ensured that draft references to Mao's *zuixing* (crimes) eventually emerged as mere *cuowu* (mistakes), even if serious, and that the party itself, despite its admitted complicity with Mao, was congratulated for correcting its own mistakes.

But genuine consideration of that period, in which bloodthirsty deeds shook every aspect of Chinese society, would show that the party's habit of violence against internal critics, the mass campaigns which claimed millions of victims, and the creation and branding of "class enemies" began in the 1930s.

None of China's Communist heroes would emerge unscathed from a searching analysis. Mr Deng, a party member since 1924, helped to create a system within which "smashing" and "eliminating" enemies, usually the party's internal critics, showed true grit. Hundreds were executed as "Trotskyists" during the party's early years. In the late 1950s, at Mao's command, the party Secretary-General Deng supervised — and has always justified — the persecution of hundreds of thousands of "Rightists". In 1966, Mr Deng participated in the persecution of senior colleagues until he himself fell.

Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister, who died in 1975 and whom many Chinese regard as a near-saint, was the author of some of the Cultural Revolution's most polemical tracts and joined in condemning old comrades. Li Peng, his adopted son and now Premier, ascended — "helicoptered" — from post to powerful post.

No Gestapo or KGB was required to get large numbers of Chinese, including schoolchildren, to torment, torture and kill each other. Within a few years of the Maoist victory in 1949 and beginning with the extermination of landlords and other "class enemies", killing became a social good.

In such conditions, silence was and remains safety. Jung Chang, the author of *Wild Swans*, who in 1966 as a child of 14 "learnt to suppress my reason", describes how her father, a survivor of an early party purge of "Trotskyists" which took many lives, placed his hand over her mother's mouth during an agonising miscarriage and warned her: "Don't cry out loud. If people hear you, you will be criticised."

An elderly ex-party member told me this week that for 30 years, he and his wife never exchanged a single word or even a raised eyebrow about matters such as the sudden arrest of a friend or colleague. "No one could trust anyone," he said. " After all, either one of us could have betrayed the other."

A blood-soaked trail runs from today's leaders, who now hold every important dissident under lock and key and are directing new waves of repression in Tibet and against the Muslims of Sinkiang, through Mr Deng who ordered the Tiananmen massacre, and finally to Mao, lying in his transparent sarcophagus in Tiananmen Square. Patriotism and loyalty, therefore, are defined by obedience to what Chinese mean when they mutely point a finger up: *Shangmian* — The Above.

A hole was cut in her windpipe so that she could not speak

The Above. Liu Binyan, China's best investigative journalist, a party member since the 1940s and twice expelled, now in exile in the US, points out that the "Gang of the Old", which includes the invisible but still puissant Mr Deng, "belong to a species rare in the 20th century".

They have held power since the guerrilla period more than 60 years ago, he observes, with jurisdiction over land and people and defended by their own army. "Even Lenin and Stalin did not know the taste of having true power for so long a time."

Around such men there must be no learning, only silence. Thus Mr Liu's taboo questions for the Gang of the Old: "Did you do anything to prevent Mao from making wrong decisions? Are you in part responsible for the Cultural Revolution?"

Enforcing silence cannot work forever. A cauldron of violence heaves just below China's surface, where there are potential armies of men and women experienced in organised uprising and rebellion. Millions were involved in Red Guard faction-fighting during the Cultural Revolution, when each side claimed to represent the Maoist cause. All that vanished, leaving disillusionment but also a knowledge of weapons.

Further expertise in defying authority was acquired all over China during May and June, 1989 — another anniversary which cannot be marked. I recall a poster in Tiananmen: "One million criminals in the party; one million choppers in the hands of the people."

Peter Jones aims a custard pie at practitioners of cultural studies and their pretentious gibberish

Academic jargon: how to publish it

An American academic, the physicist Alan Sokal of New York University, has finally called the bluff of the jargon-ridden world of "cultural studies". Tiring of their nonsense, he stitched together an article from the silliest quotations he could find, entitled it "Transgressing the Boundaries: Towards a Transformative Hermeneutics of Quantum Gravity", and submitted it for publication. The editors of the academic journal *Social Text* duly obliged.

Before we mock, however, let us be clear what we are talking about. Every discipline has its specialist vocabulary. We need terms such as "chromosome" and "dactylo-epitrite". They are shorthand for complex phenomena. Jargon, however, is longhand for simple phenomena. Its purpose is to obscure — and obscurity seems to be the particular vice of the humanities and social sciences.

Those mainly responsible are 20th-century French linguistic philosophers. They argued that language could never reflect or describe external reality, only create it. Reality was therefore personal to the creator, ie, the speaker (and especially, for some reason, the writer). It could not be shared by anyone else.

Academics who swallowed this obvious nonsense were therefore obliged to jettison the idea that they were looking for truth. Their job now was to reveal that there was no such thing as truth. But a new approach required a new vocabulary. Since language was regarded as slippery and indeterminate, that vocabulary had to be slippery and indeterminate too. It had to reject the very idea of clarity, let alone reason, logic or evidence. These, after all, demonstrated that things were or were not the case — anathema to the new way of thinking.

This explains how Sokal's article was accepted. It spoke the lingo. That was all that counted. Evaluating the argument was of no interest.

Once you know the jargon, however, it is easy to compose in it — and the joy of it is, what you are trying to say does not matter. Indeed, quite the reverse. It helps if you have nothing to say. Then you can expend all your effort on saying it.

Here, then, is the *Times* instant, self-adjusting guide to Getting Academic Articles Guaranteed Automatic Acceptance (GAA-GAA for short). These are the key words:

Nouns: discourse, negotiation, engagement, contestation, reading, positioning, appropriation, process, indeterminacy, dialogue, closure, boundaries, terrain, parameters, complexity, disjunction, articulation, negotiation, voice, space, ambiguity, paradox, mode, interrogation, utterance, sign, symbol, signifier.

Verbs: confront, encode, contest, challenge, essentialise, transgress, articulate, function, instantiate, locate, enact, occlude, constitute, inscribe.

Adjectives (and their associated *adverbs*): allusive, antagonistic, dialectic, enigmatic, ironic, reflexive, hermeneutic, shifting, complex, discursive, ambiguous, elusive, problematic.

Note: for added scholarly piquancy, add "self-", "multi-", "trans-" or "re-" to any of these at random. "Self-reflexive", however that differs from "reflexive", is especially popular.

Now: pick any of the above words in an order which will ensure a grammatical utterance and add prepositions and conjunctions to taste.

Then select a subject (Shakespeare, let us say, or Sophocles, or Kevin Keegan or — well, anyone or anything, really). Insert subject in appropriate spot. Bingo.

"The elusive indeterminacy of Shakespeare's ambiguous and problematic self-positioning instantiates while it occludes the enigmatic renegotiation of multi-hegemonic self-interrogation within the shifting parameters of its own trans-discursive space." Terrific stuff! You think I made it up? Then try this, on post-colonial literature:

"The disjunctive present of utterance allows the articulation of subaltern agency to emerge as relocation and reinscription. In the seizure of the sign, there is neither dialectical sublation nor the empty signifier: there is a contestation of given symbols of authority that shifts the terrain of antagonism. This is hybridity as a contesting, antagonistic agency functioning in the time lag of sign/symbol."

What can one do about all this? The Frenchman Noel Godin (alias Georges le Gloupier) has one useful approach. *Entarteur extraordinaire*, he throws custard pies at practitioners. He has hit the philosopher Bernard-Henri Levy five times.

My colleague David West makes a more modest proposal — the formation of a Whistle Club. Members carry an Acme "Thunderer" and let it rip on hearing more than three of the forbidden words in any sentence.

It is academics who have fallen for this drivel. It is academics who must root it out.

The author helps to run Friends of Classics *and lectures in Classics at Newcastle University.*

The minister and the judge

Lord Chief Justice Taylor challenges Michael Howard on sentencing — but who has justice on his side?

Simon Jenkins

The Home Secretary and the retiring Lord Chief Justice: the executive versus the judiciary

The matter is so great we hardly know where to begin. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice of England, sick but of towering authority, lays a charge against Michael Howard, Home Secretary and pretender to his party's crown. The charge is of plotting to subvert British justice. To each, the other is anathema. Both claim that public order is at stake. Both cannot be right. Who is guilty?

Alexandre Dumas offered clear advice in such investigations. He said "cherchons la femme" — to the delight of French detectives ever since. Watergate's Deep Throat suggested a different tack. "Follow the money," he told his sleuths. But I see neither women nor money in this case. It is all rather dry. So I call in aid my Third Law of Human Dynamics. This states that "after sex and cash, nothing so rouses a man to unreason as an attack on his profession".

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, has been outraged by the Government's White Paper on sentencing. This fixes terms of imprisonment for certain repeat offences, thus curtailing judges' freedom, and brings other offences under the Home Secretary's jurisdiction, doing likewise. The result, his lordship told the House of Lords on Thursday, was nothing short of a "denial of justice". Sentencing was a craft not a computation, a rite to which only judges were privy. Each criminal needed to be judged on his demerits and not be left vulnerable to some crude tariff or, worse, to passing political machismo.

I noted a ghost rising over Parliament as Lord Taylor spoke. It was of his predecessor Lord Lane, who waged an equally ferocious campaign against the Cabinet in 1989 for diluting — he would say polluting — the Bar by granting solicitors rights of audience in court. The proposal, he said, was "one of the most sinister documents ever to emanate from government".

A previous Lord Chancellor, Lord Havers, reacted likewise. He declared on television that, for the first time, a party of which he had been a member was doing something so immoral that he had to speak out. So perhaps Lord Taylor is just fighting another barristers' turf war. Was he on Thursday singing the same tune as Lord Lane, to different words?

Now let us apply the Third Law to Mr Howard. His profession is that of politician. Politicians in this Government are control freaks. Each day they enter their offices and ask their officials to give them new powers and a photo-opportunity to match. Mr Howard is a Home Office legend in this respect. In curbing police authorities, supervising the Prison Service and expanding his right to fix sentences, Mr Howard is the arch-advocate of the doctrine that big government knows best.

His political agenda at present is to be seen as tough on crime. Why let judges get any credit for this when the constitution allows a politician to do so? Not only does Mr Howard want to fix statutory minimums for repeat burglaries, he is proposing "automatic life" for repeat violent and sexual offenders. We all know life does not mean life. It merely refers a decision on a criminal's term of imprisonment from a judge to the Home Office. This is a straight shift of power away from the judiciary, the Parole Board and prison governors to Home Office ministers and officials. Mr Howard says that "Parliament will decide", but nobody is fooled by that. Parliament is a fig-leaf. Parliament means the Home Secretary.

So there are our antagonists. "High-stomach'd are they both and full of ire." We have stripped their dispute to base interests. We must apply the test of reason. On principle, it is hard for a democrat to disagree with Mr Howard. The public is worried at the waywardness of some much-publicised court decisions. It is shocked when a dangerous criminal is let out and reoffends. A politician must hear that worry. It is not necessarily capitulating to mob rule to seek tougher or more consistent sentences.

But Lord Taylor does not quarrel with this. What he does dispute is that the proposed changes will protect the public. Quite the reverse, he feels they are a menace.

Automatic life for repeat serious crimes, says Lord Taylor, and an automatic three years for repeat burglars is insane. All evidence (notably from America) indicates that in these cases guilty pleas will plummet, possibly from 80 per cent to 20 per cent. This will clog the courts and lead to hundreds of serious criminals going free, either for lack of prosecution evidence or because juries will believe false not-guilty pleas.

Just five years ago, a Home Office White Paper agreed. It stated categorically: "A system of minimum or mandatory sentences for certain offences ... would result in more acquittals by juries with more guilty men and women going free unjustly as a result." The Home Office is standing on its head.

Nor is there hard evidence that recidivists have been treated leniently, the central argument for instituting this change. The White Paper figures claiming leniency appear to have been carefully taken from a period when judges were specifically banned from considering previous offences in fixing sentences. Mr Howard himself sat in the Cabinet that issued this order, in the ill-fated 1991 Criminal Justice Act. He presumably agreed then that judges should *not* consider previous convictions in fixing jail terms. It was declared to be a more certain deterrent that punishment should fit the crime, not the criminal. Again the Home Office is standing on its head.

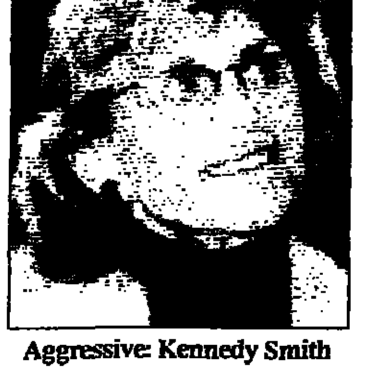
As Lord Taylor implies, ministers are now so frantic to appear to be doing something that any old argument will do to validate an increase in power. Despite his detractors, I do not believe Mr Howard loathes judges, probation officers, prison governors or even criminologists. He is, rather, suffering from a bad attack of "ministerialitis" — a fierce faith in the omniscience of politicians and officials to do other people's jobs better than they can. Mr Howard has the same nationalising zeal as a Morrison or a Bevan in 1945. He can summon the justice system and tell it to meet public concern along lines agreed between them all. He truly believes, against all recent history, that Whitehall officials can devise a sentencing regime better than any panel of judges.

This is the nub. A Home Secretary need fear no supreme court, except the European Court of Justice (before which Mr Howard must qualify as a serial offender). Since there is no separation of powers in Britain, democrats must search high and low for ways of bringing executive excess to account. In most civilised countries, executive justice is neither reliable nor respectable. As we have seen with mandatory sentencing and unit fines, it fluctuates wildly with the fortunes and personalities of politicians. The recent Home Office handling of the Bulger and Hindley cases was blatantly political. Such justice is worthy of a banana republic.

Given the ineffectiveness of Parliament, accountability falls to the media (dare I say it) and the courts. Until his sad retirement, the judiciary has been present in the robust person of Lord Chief Justice Taylor. On Thursday he may have been singing his profession's tune. But the tune will do for the purpose. The Home Secretary wants to set himself up as a judge above judges. He can do this constitutionally, as he can do almost anything he likes. *But if the constitution cannot stop him, argument must try.* On my reading, he has not been convincing that the Government's extraordinary about-turn on sentencing will reduce crime. Lord Taylor has convinced me that it will make crime worse.

Dublin dissent

TWO Dublin-based American diplomats who resisted pressure from their Ambassador, Jean Kennedy Smith, sister of JFK, to issue a visa to Gerry Adams, are to be honoured. In 1994 Mrs Smith, an aggressive sort and inheritor of the Kennedy shovel-jaw, argued for the Sinn Fein leader to be given a visa to travel to America. John Treacy, then public affairs officer, and James Callahan, then consul general, stood up to her. They insisted that Adams should receive no special treatment and pressed on her the damage this would do to Anglo-American relations. For this, they were excluded from embassy parties and received poor evaluations from their boss.



Aggressive: Kennedy Smith

The honour comes from the American Foreign Service Association, a diplomatists' trade union. The AFSA clearly sympathises with the vein-bursting brought on at our own Foreign Office when Adams did finally receive his visa — and a hero's welcome from his Irish American claque to boot.

The citation praises the "integrity", "courage" and "constructive dissent" of Treacy and Callahan, who stood by their rulebook under intense political pressure. Mrs Smith, whose sympathies are strongly pro-republican, drew strength from her family's intimacy with Bill Clinton. The President is prone to coming out in shamrocks at the mention of the Kennedy name.

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Mrs Smith has been heavily criticised for her actions at this time. In December, the State Department's Inspector General chastised her for putting pressure on consular officials to issue more visas to Irish applicants, then retaliating against them if they stood up to her. Then, in March, the Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, reprimanded her while the Inspector General called her denials "wholly implausible".

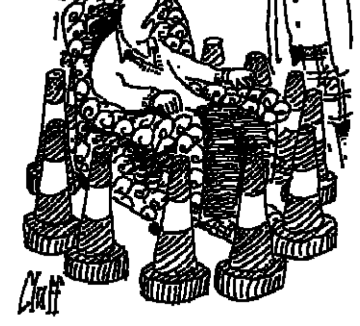
● *AFTER a roaring Cannes film festival, David Aukin, head of drama at Channel 4, is to make his acting debut. Aukin will take the part of a school governor in the adaptation of Nick Hornby's book* Fever Pitch. *He is helping to fund the film, which will star Colin Firth as a besotted Arsenal fan. "I prefer to call my role a cameo rather than minor," he says. "I am already working on my screen presence."*

Brontë's back

SOLD: the publishing rights to *Sarah Miles*, the novel being attributed to Charlotte Brontë. Giles Gordon, the silky literary agent from Curtis Brown, has flogged off the world English rights to the book to Harry Evans, the head of Random House. "A substantial sum" was all he would say of the money involved. This may prove ominous for Magnus Linklater, journalist and client of Gordon. Earlier this week, he wrote in this newspaper of his doubts about the novel's authorship, vowing to eat his column "newsprint and all" if proved wrong.

Woy oh Woy

THIS evening sees the inaugural dinner of the Roy Jenkins Appreciation Society. Founded and presided over by Hywel Williams, the Q to John Redwood's Bond, the society offers a claret-fuelled forum for exchanges of Jenkins stories. My report earlier this week of Jenkins's womanising and his affair with the stunning Princess Lee Radziwill, sister of Jackie Onassis, during the 1960s will only have burnished his reputation. A late but enthusiastic recruit to the society is Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip. "He has told me that he would be very pleased to write an essay in the Jenkinsonian style," says Williams. "Even better, he promises to read it aloud in his best Jenkinsonian manner."



"Now just leave me until the holiday weekend's over"

● *CONSERVATIVE whips had reason to worry the other night as Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's door-slamming press spokesman, went into a huddle with Antony Bevins of* The Observer. *Drinking in Annie's Bar in the Commons, they were listening closely to the third member of the group, Tristan Garel-Jones, fierce Tory loyalist and MP for Watford. The last time Campbell and Bevins pow-wowed like this was just before last year's Conservative conference. Then, the Tory in their group was Alan Howarth, MP for Stratford, whose defection to Labour was reported in* The Observer *a few days later.*

Hot dog

CLOUDS of flea powder and the dull tinkle of dog chains have been heard across the West End recently as the canine press delivers its verdict on *Sylvia*, a comedy in which Zoë Wanamaker plays a stray dog in Manhattan. *Pet Dogs*, *Dogs Monthly* and *All About Dogs* made up part of the quorum at this week's first night. Though some complained the play was "too American", Wanamaker was just Bonio. "She was very good," says Denise Lessman from *Dogs Today*. "When she came back from the hairdresser all fluffy and cute, she was just like my dog when he comes back from the hairdresser and prances around. If you are a dog fancier, see it fast."

Good dog: Zoë Wanamaker

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JUDGING JUDGES

Bingham and Woolf should be welcomed, but act warily

In any democracy there will always be a measure of tension between the judiciary and the executive. But the development of the current disagreement between judges and ministers on sentencing policy has allowed a particularly deep fissure to open up. Against that background the new Lord Chief Justice, Sir Thomas Bingham, and his successor as Master of Rolls, Lord Woolf, face a delicate task.

Both are men of the highest ability and integrity, worthy successors to the retiring Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, whose character and wisdom throughout his long career have commanded admiration. Both are also, like Lord Taylor, liberal-minded lawyers. With Tory and Labour politicians reflecting a widespread, and considered, conservative public mood on justice, there may be further friction ahead.

In both criminal and civil law there will be areas of potential contention. The Home Secretary's proposals to introduce mandatory minimum sentences for domestic burglars and mandatory life sentences for persistent violent and sexual offenders address widespread public concern about crime. But they faced a fusillade of criticism from senior judges, most notably from Lord Taylor, who led the assault in the House of Lords this week.

Sir Thomas has been careful not to praise, or damn, the Home Secretary's proposals but he has covered a ministerial flank. He has spoken up in favour of Mr Howard's constitutional right to bring his proposals forward, commenting: "As Parliament can prescribe a maximum penalty without infringing the constitutional independence of the judges so it can prescribe a minimum." By his restrained intervention, avoiding provocative statements such as those of Lord Justice Rose — who argued that the changes would "increase the murder rate" — Sir Thomas has shown an appropriate sensitivity for a new Lord Chief Justice.

Although he has been cautious on sentencing, supportive of the Attorney-General after the Scott report and enthusiastic in support of Lord Mackay of Clashfern's attempts to rid the Bar of its restrictive practices, Sir Thomas is no poodle of politicians. An advocate of a Bill of Rights and critic of the capacity of common law to protect the individual, he has argued that those who see Parliament as "a reliable guardian of human rights" are "guilty of wishful thinking". Sir Thomas has also hinted that if Parliament will not protect privacy then judges will step into the breach.

Lord Woolf, the new Master of the Rolls, is, if anything, even more inclined to see power pass to judges than Sir Thomas. For the past two years he has been engaged in a review of the civil justice system over which he will now preside. Understandably anxious to make access to justice easier, Lord Woolf has argued for judges to be proactive "case managers". He has taken political positions. In the past he has suggested careless car-owners might be fined for encouraging theft and criticised the Government's prison policy as "short-sighted and irresponsible". Any future government may expect Lord Woolf to be a judicial activist, energetic in his use of the law to check the executive and extend "rights".

The arguments advanced by Sir Thomas and Lord Woolf enjoy wide support among senior colleagues on the Bench and are increasingly rarely articulated in the Commons. Given the growth in power and scope of the executive throughout the century, and given the increasing weight of legislation, much of it conceived in haste, it is understandable — and in some cases desirable — that judges should seek to assert themselves. But there are dangers.

It is to the credit of a Conservative Government that two men of such liberal temper should be appointed to the two most senior judicial posts. Yet if judges themselves choose to become more political, then they may undermine the foundation of their own independence. Parliamentary sovereignty is the basis of Britain's pragmatic but resilient constitution. A difficult balance will need to be struck but Sir Thomas and Lord Woolf are pre-eminently qualified by intellect and experience to play their part.

SPIRIT OF LIFE

'A sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind' (Acts ii, 2)

Of all the inadequate human analogies in which we speak of God's self-communication, word and breath are among the most significant. "Words are not things," wrote Coleridge, "they are the living educts of the imagination," the bearers of meaning through image and symbol. In the ancient Genesis creation story the living word of God is powerful and creative, yet that same story begins with a mighty wind sweeping over the water of chaos, bringing form and order. And in the creation of Adam it is God breathing into man the breath of life that makes him a living being. Words spoken are carried on breath, and without breath there is no life and no communication.

Pentecost — Whit Sunday — is the third great festival of the Christian year. As a Jewish festival it was the feast of the first fruits of the harvest; and in the Acts of the Apostles St Luke sees the explosion of the fire from Heaven and the rushing mighty wind as the birth of the Church, the first ingathering of the new community indwelt and empowered by the creator Spirit.

The word "spirit" is rooted in the sense of the ordering and transforming breath of life of the Creator. The people of ancient Israel saw the dancing whirlwinds wheeling across the desert, seeming to have a mysterious power of their own, catching dust and debris into their spiralling life. They spoke of the *ruach* or mighty wind of God, powerful, unseen, and life-giving, like our human breathing.

In St John's Gospel this new life of God is given to the Christian community on the evening of Easter Day, when Jesus breathes on His disciples with the words "Receive Holy Spirit — receive the breath of living holiness": an act of new creation as powerful as God breathing life into Adam. In Luke's account the wind from Heaven and the tongues of flame, of purifying fire, enable new language, new communication, a new community, so reversing the divided babble of languages of the Tower of Babel.

Spirit and letter, inspiration and institution, order and energy, are often held in tension with each other. Yet in speaking of God's own being, Christians have spoken of God as Word and Spirit. The history of the Church is marked by charismatic revivals, when claims to special inspiration, prophetic gifts and new life exist in tension with institution and order. The 12th-century abbot, Joachim of Fiore, looked for a time when the institutional Church of Peter would be replaced by the spiritual Church of John. In the 18th century Joseph Butler, the philosopher Bishop of Bristol, rebuked John Wesley in well-known words: "Sir, pretending to extraordinary revelations and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, is a horrid thing, a very horrid thing." Yet the order, ministry and sacraments of the Church are only by and in the power of the Spirit and the Spirit's gift is the enabling of communion, the deep belonging-togetherness which is the root of all human community and communication.

It is the transforming gift of the Spirit which creates the true human community for which we long, and the fruits of the Spirit, of this new life of God, are "love, joy, peace, patience, long-suffering and gentleness". Without these the human community cannot exist and no society can endure. Pentecost is the celebration of the divine grace from which these gifts spring, and a reminder that the Church of God, for all its failings, is a divine society and not simply a human institution.

MANNERS FROM HEAVEN

Our rough age needs to polish its behaviour

"Manners are not idle," wrote Alfred Lord Tennyson, "but the fruit of loyal nature and of noble mind." Yet society has slithered since those more sedate times when structures stood as stiffly as the footman at the door, and nannies forged standards in the smithy of the soul.

This week the Social Affairs Unit published a book of essays — *Gentility Recalled* — which lament the arrival of our more churlish age. There has been a decline in civility, restraint and order in Britain, which threatens our society perhaps even more than crime. In a loutish modern culture which trembles with road rage, where values are defaced by vandalism and decorum is drowned out by the hooligan's roars, our children are learning the brutishness of an uncivilised world. "Respect" nowadays is just slang for a craven submission to the leader of the pack.

Manners should not be confused with etiquette, with the social snobbery which mistakes sophistication for moral worth. It matters little how you eat your artichoke, or if you crook your finger as you sip your tea. Etiquette — as complicated as a cotillion — is a form of exclusion. Manners are simply a way of including people. They are the oil which lubricates the mechanism of society. It was an act of grace and diplomacy when Queen Victoria followed in the footsteps of a guest's *faux pas* and drank from her finger bowl to set him at ease.

Much of the blame for the erosion of our standards is laid at the door of the Sixties when the postwar baby boom entered puberty *en masse*. Adolescence is not renowned for its social grace. Self-expression shouldered consideration aside. A glimpse of stocking need not be shocking, but aggressive feminism has enfeebled traditional respect for women. With the subsequent flourishing of a technological age the young learnt new skills which superseded those of the past. The elderly became obsolete. And this ethos spilt over into the moral domain. Now age shrinks by on the sidewalk of life.

But manners makyth man. They lead in society to a predictability of response upon which the foundations of order are built. They are moulded within the family structure. They cannot simply be explained to children, but must be taught by example. It is only when manners become a more conscious concern that man will become again more mannerly. We should reach for a society where manners are as common as muck.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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UK action on beef ban questioned

From Dr Anthony Glees

Sir, Before this country rushes headlong into a pointless confrontation with its fellow European nations, ought the Prime Minister not to reflect one last time both on the causes of the present crisis and the only way it can be resolved?

The Times reported on March 21 a new and threatening discovery in respect of a relationship between BSE and CJD. Dr John Pattison, chairman of the committee advising the Government on BSE, said he had never seen the variant before, and was quoted as saying: "It is totally unpredictable, but at one extreme there is a risk of an epidemic."

Dr Robert Will, head of the CJD surveillance centre, stated: "I believe this is a new phenomenon. There is reason for major concern." The trusted *Times* doctor reminded us that CJD was highly infectious, adding: "I shall in future avoid all beef, whether roasted or minced, until scientists can be truly reassuring."

Finally, your Science Editor spoke of "smoking gun" evidence that pointed to a link between BSE and CJD. He noted that the incubation period of the disease could last for decades, concluding: "If the new form of CJD follows this pattern, it will be almost the middle of the next century before we can be sure that no more new cases will emerge."

No wonder people are worried.

At the heart of the beef crisis lies a fundamental lack of faith in the declarations of politicians. Four fifths of our beef exports go to other EU nations. EU consumers must be won over. This can be done only by telling the truth — and from within the European Union — respecting the justified fears of the consumer, whether German, Dutch or British. To paralyse the work of the Union will do nothing to whet their appetite for beef.

Yours faithfully,
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May 24.

From Mr David Gladstone

Sir, How pleasing to find myself, for once, in full agreement with William Rees-Mogg ("Monty Python politics", May 23). And how dispiriting to find that this once great country is preparing to go to war under a banner inscribed TGS (tallow, gelatine and semen).

Has the Conservative Party, unlike our EU partners, learnt nothing from the history of the past 150 years? Are we for ever to be ruled by the ghosts of Lord Palmerston and jingoism as we march to the xenophobic drum-beat of Mrs Teresa Gorman and Mr John Townend? Have we lost all our equally traditional sense of the ridiculous?

My worst fear is that Mr Major's posturing may appear to pay off, that a lifting of the ban on TGS, which was anyway on the cards, will be claimed as a triumph of gunboat diplomacy and that the Germans and others will overlook the insults being heaped on them and try to help us. There could be nothing more shaming than to be forgiven by the grown-ups across the Channel for our childish tantrums.

Yours faithfully,
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May 23.

From Mr John Murray

Sir, I am appalled by your leader, "Bully for beef" (May 23), praising the Prime Minister for, in your view, enhancing his political prospects at home by playing fast and loose with Britain's interests in the EU. Lord Rees-Mogg, in the same issue, seems to me to be much closer to the mark when he describes the declaration of non-cooperation in Brussels as "a foreign policy scripted by Monty Python".

Lest we forget, the BSE problem arose here and must be resolved here. To use it as an issue with which to beat other member states, many of whom are suffering economic consequences quite as bad or worse than our own, is profoundly misjudged.

Yours faithfully,
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May 23.

From Mr Barry H. Cowell

Sir, For the Government to take "strike action" by withdrawing co-operation with the EU is to go against all its principles in negotiations, as it has so often maintained about trade unions.

I believe the EU should refuse to discuss the beef crisis until all threats are withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY H. COWELL,
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May 24.

From Mr Michael J. Gordon

Sir, I suspect that Euro-realists now constitute a clear majority in the Cabinet, in the 1922 Committee and almost certainly in the country.

Surely this is now the time for Mr Major to call an early election with a manifesto committed to the renegotiation of our membership of the European Union.

Yours faithfully,
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May 23.

Bearing cost of church archaeology

From the Secretary of the Cathedrals and Churches Advisory Committee, English Heritage, and others

Sir, Your correspondence (May 2, 6, 16) about the cost of archaeological work on churches raises a number of issues.

It is now widely accepted that whenever possible the historic fabric, whether of churches or secular buildings, should be preserved. Archaeological evidence of the development of our civilisation often lies in and around standing buildings — and in the case of churches, witnesses to past worshippers and the development of the faith, which are surely a valid concern of modern congregations also.

But such evidence is fragile, easily damaged and, once damaged, irreplaceable. The worshipping community owes it to posterity to care for what survives. Where it is not appropriate to preserve, archaeological remains and deposits should be carefully investigated and recorded before destruction by new work.

Archaeology needs to be seen as an integral part of any development around a historic site. Indeed, if it is adequately considered in the first instance, the costs are likely to be less. Government and Church of England guidelines equally emphasise that archaeological issues should be taken into account at an early stage, in the latter case with the help wherever possible of the diocesan archaeological adviser. The Church of England's desire to operate a statutory system that is the equal of secular planning authorities' is fulfilled by the faculty conditions, which require watching briefs or archaeological work.

We are well aware that many parishes, like Charlbury in Oxfordshire (letter, May 2), are hard pressed financially, and we sympathise with the many demands with which they have to deal. English Heritage's resources are limited, but it can, in certain circumstances, help financially and the Heritage Lottery Fund may also be able to help.

Clearly, though, the situation is unsatisfactory for parishes, archaeologists and indeed the future study of our rich ecclesiastical heritage, and the funding of archaeology in churches in use is currently being discussed by national bodies such as ourselves.

Charlbury church is probably an Anglo-Saxon minster church, possibly originating in the 7th century. The archaeological costs to the parishioners were less than 1 per cent of the total, which is surely not too high a price to pay for greater knowledge of a building of such historic significance.

Yours etc,
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May 17.

Rights of Kalahari Bushman people

From Dr Virginia Luling

Sir, How to help indigenous peoples?

Bruce Anderson's remarkable article, "We succour Bushmen at their peril" (May 18), in contrast with your reasonable and sympathetic editorial on the same day, proposes that the Bushmen of Botswana must be forcibly kept in ignorance of the resources and comforts of the "modern world" — on the assumption that once this dangerous knowledge leaks out (or in) they will all drop their bows and arrows and go rushing to town.

It may be that Mr Anderson's tongue was in his cheek, but his depiction of the splendours and miseries of Bushman life is 30 years or more out of date.

Most of the Bushman people in the central Kalahari today have a mixed production system: they do some limited foraging; they also raise livestock (mainly goats) and plant various crops. The community settlement of !Xade in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve — which the authorities want to move outside it — has a school, a health post, a general store and a tribal police office.

The Central Kalahari has been serviced regularly by the district council from Ghanzi and the Botswana Government's Remote Area Development Program since the 1970s, and water has been available since 1962.

Many of the men in the reserve have worked either in the mines or in the farms and towns of Botswana and South Africa. Some of them have been in the military and work for government. For good or ill, they are in touch with our world. An anthropologist friend tells me how last year an elderly Bushman, while busy putting poison on an arrow, asked him whether he believed O. J. Simpson was guilty.

Identity is not the same thing as isolation. The people of the central Kalahari want such things as water and health care, but they want them where they live; and there is no serious reason why they should not have them.

What they, and the West Papuans and the Aboriginal people of Australia and the rest, need and have a right to is not to remain in some impossible pristine state, but to live in their own country and to have as much say in their own destiny as the rest of us.

Yours sincerely,
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Space programme

From the Chairman of the United Kingdom Industrial Space Committee

Sir, Your article on Britain's space programme (Interface, May 15) correctly identified Britain's failure to participate in the Ariane 5 development as a missed commercial opportunity. However, both the quoted phrases which you highlight need to be challenged.

To claim that "the space industry in Britain is a myth" is absurd. For instance, the recent launch of the Inmarsat-3 spacecraft carried into orbit the electronics, designed and manufactured in the UK, which will provide communications with aircraft and other mobile users throughout the world, and most of the world's civilian aircraft use UK equipment to provide inflight communications via satellites such as Inmarsat-3.

Equally absurd is the claim that "there is a lack of vision in Britain". The European Space Agency recently solicited ideas from throughout Europe as to the science missions it should undertake next. UK scientists provided more acceptable ideas than their counterparts in any other European country.

Whether for broadcasting, communications, remote sensing or weather forecasting, the UK is the leading operational user of space facilities and services in Europe. Let's not sell ourselves short.

Yours faithfully,
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Road rage

From Dr Rajat Roy

Sir, I have identified three reasons, in descending order, why I am often the victim of road rage (report, May 20): I obey the Highway Code, especially speed limits; I offer no aggression when confronted; and I am of an ethnic minority.

Is it not time mobile road patrols or wardens, distinct from the police patrols, were established to deal with this menace and with other constant infringements of the Highway Code?

Yours sincerely,
R. N. ROY,
7 Menzies Drive, Fintry, Central.
May 22.

From Miss Brenda J. Choak

Sir, I disagree with Edmund King of the RAC (Body and Mind, May 21) that "the woman in the BMW is much more likely to get aggressive than the one in the Ford Fiesta".

There probably are women driving BMWs who are aggressive but I am not one and I have found that it's because I am a female and driving a BMW that other drivers (always men) are aggressive towards me, ie, tailgating and cutting me up.

I remain calmly yours,
BRENDA J. CHOAK,
Moorlea House,
Golf Links Road,
Yelverton, Devon.
May 22.

RNLI tribute

From Mrs Dorothy A. Branco

Sir, Yesterday in London I attended the annual ceremony at which Royal National Lifeboat Institution awards for gallantry are presented to members of lifeboat crews (Court Circular, May 17).

After receiving their awards from the Duke of Kent, four young men, neat in their dark uniforms, sat quietly together on the platform while 2,000 people rose to their feet, as one, to applaud seamanship, skill and bravery which had been described to us as "nothing short of outstanding".

A total of eight lives had been saved by these men, at risk to their own lives and for no financial reward or payment, their sole motivation being their anxiety to be of assistance to their fellow human beings.

The RNLI is known to most of us, but perhaps at times we take this splendid body of individuals for granted. At a time when our daily lives are burdened with news of murder, rape, terrorism, greed and self-interest it is most comforting to realise that, while such occasions as yesterday remain possible, we may preserve the hope that Man, for all his grievous shortcomings, will never entirely disgrace himself.

Yours faithfully,
DOROTHY A. BRANCO,
11 Springfield Court,
Lynton Road, W3.
May 17.

Directory changes

From Mr Stewart G. Birt

Sir, New editions of the telephone directory for the North East of Scotland were issued last week. The areas of coverage have been significantly changed.

If you are located in rural areas of Aberdeenshire your directory no longer covers residential numbers in Aberdeen city and vice versa. This will inevitably lead to the increased cost of having to use directory inquiries for numbers which are actually local.

The reason given by BT was to reduce the size of the directory for our convenience, but the previous edition was already small because of the area's relatively low population.

Is this BT's latest way of increasing charges to its customers?

Yours faithfully,
STEWART G. BIRT,
Beechwood, Woodhead,
Fyvie, nr Turriff,
Aberdeenshire.
May 23.

Somerset House

From Mr J. D. Rimington

Sir, Is it not refreshing that Somerset House still serves the useful purposes for which it was designed (article, May 11; letters, May 16), and preferable that it should continue to do so rather than be turned into some kind of museum — or, heaven help us, a mayoral palace?

I myself joined the Civil Service nearly forty years ago with a view that the profession of government is one of the most necessary and honourable of occupations, and can see no reason why it should not be honourably housed in this as in every previous era.

On the reasoning advanced by your chorus of correspondents, should we not turn the lawyers out of the Temple (which they originally usurped) to make a promenade, or the clergy and their choir-stalls out of St Paul's, the better to admire Wren's spatial dexterities?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN RIMINGTON,
9 Highbury Hill, N5.
May 16.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

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Paedophile jailing

From Major C. V. Wright (retd)

Sir, In today's *Times* you report that Mr Justice Curtis congratulated an acting detective inspector for not physically attacking a suspect he was questioning.

Can this really be true?

Yours faithfully,
C. V. WRIGHT,
South View, Hunton,
Bedale, North Yorkshire.
May 17.

Dear little B-cup

From Mr Neil Wright

Sir, Like Miss Marie Helvin (Diary, May 17), I too can vouch for the efficacy of rugby socks as an improvement to the bustline.

As a boy soprano in the chorus of a production of *HMS Pinafore* at a single-sex school in the 1950s I and my companions were advised by our lady choreographer that such an addition to our costume would be a welcome aid to the illusion of our being "sisters, cousins and aunts".

However I doubt whether Miss Helvin could lay claim, as we could, to having actually played rugby in them the same day, before using them for their secondary purpose.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL WRIGHT,
Bakers, 14 Adderley Street,
Uppingham, Rutland, Leicestershire.
May 17.

From Mr J. B. H. Byfield

Sir, Those of us with strong nautical connections may share my curiosity that former model Marie Helvin uses "red and green socks" to provide additional mammary support. May we be assured that Ms Helvin uses these aids correctly — ie, red for port and green for starboard?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BYFIELD,
2 Willow Farm,
Yetminster, Sherborne, Dorset.
May 17.

Fortunes of war

From Mr Bernard Kaukas

Sir, So Napoleon lost the Battle of Waterloo because his artillery got bogged down in mud caused by a volcano explosion in Indonesia, and failed to arrive in time (report, later editions, May 21).

Well, hard cheese; or as the French have it, *c'est la guerre*. It was also jolly unsporting of Wellington to have taken advantage by occupying the high ground.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD KAUKAS,
13 Lynwood Road, Ealing, W5.
May 21.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 24: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Heathrow Airport and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall KG), the Chairman, BAA plc (Dr Brian Smith) and Mr Michael Roberts (Managing Director, Heathrow Airport).

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, opened the new Terminal 2 Departure Lounge and afterwards toured the Terminal building.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later attended a Reception at the Heathrow Visitors Centre and met pensioners and other guests.

Earlier His Royal Highness visited Terminal 1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 24: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Music in Country Churches, this evening attended a Concert at Lavenham, Suffolk.

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
May 24: The Princess Royal, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, this morning attended a business session of the General Assembly.

Her Royal Highness later visited *Donaldsons* College, West Coates, Edinburgh.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited the Royal British Legion and toured the Lady Haig Poppy Factory.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon gave a Luncheon at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Princess Royal later visited MacLean Primary School, Dunfermline, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Fife (the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine KT).

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited St Ninian's Church, Dunfermline.

The Princess Royal subsequently visited Rosyth Parish Church.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Closing Session of the General Assembly.

The Princess Royal later gave a dinner at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 24: The Duke of Gloucester, President, NABC - Clubs for Young People, this morning received Mr Colin Groves on assuming the appointment of National Director.

Luncheons

HM Lord High Commissioner
The Princess Royal, Her Majesty's Lord High Commssioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, gave a luncheon yesterday at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:
Sir Raymond and Lady Johnstone, Mr Donald and Lady Cecil Cameron, Ms Jan Clayton, the Rev Suzanne Dunleavy, Mr and Mrs Brian Hammond, Dr and Mrs Chris Masters, Mrs Geraldine Peacock, Professor Chris Rojek, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Scott Bowden, Mr and Mrs John Ward, Mr and Mrs Garry Watson and Brigadier Roy Wilde.

The London Institute
The Chairman of the London Institute, Mr Julian E. Markham, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Institute's Davies Street Headquarters. The guests included:
The Ambassador of China, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, Dr Alan Borg (Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum), Professor Rodney Kinsman, Miss Barbara Dohmann, QC, and Professor *John McKenzie (Rector, The London Institute)*.

St John's School, Leatherhead

On Friday, May 17, the Combined Cadet Force of St John's School, was inspected by Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, KCB, OBE, ADC, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command.

Sherborne School

The refurbished and recently extended Abbey House will be formally opened by Mr Michael McCrum, late Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge and a former pupil of the House, at noon today.

University news

Oxford
Oxford University Clinical Medical Scholarships 1995-96
Six Hobson Memorial Scholarships of £225 per annum, tenable for the second and final year of the clinical course, have been awarded to the following:
Charlotte Sophie Hanlon, Corpus Christi and Magdalen; David Ayodeji Justin Lloyd, Magdalen; Alexander Richard Lyon, Trinity; Katherine Claire Pike, Exeter and Green; Laura Anne Robinson, Churchill Cambridge, and Exeter; Arjune Sen, Corpus Christi.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Sara Mayfield of Christie's with a plaster death mask of Bonnie Prince Charlie which is to be auctioned in Glasgow on June 12 in a sale of Jacobite memorabilia. The cast belongs to a descendant of Sir David Menzies, a scholar and antiquarian who acquired it last century. Its present owner has kept it in a bank vault for 20 years because his wife could not bear to have it in the house. "I've always hated it. It gives me a funny feeling whenever I've looked at it," she said. "Bonnie Prince Charlie wasn't bonnie at all; look at his nose. It's all a myth."

Weekend birthdays

TODAY:
Lord Aldington, 82; Mr Kim Bailey, racehorse trainer, 43; Mr Alistair Burt, MP, 41; Mr M.A. Butt, former chairman, Eagle Star Holdings, 54; Mr Julian Clary, comedian and actor, 37; Dr Carel de Wet, South African diplomat, 72; Miss Margaret Forster, author, 58; *Miss Livia Gollancz, publisher*, 76; *Sir Eldon Griffiths, former MP*, 71; Mr Tony Hall, a director, Rea Brothers Group, 57; Baroness Hooper, 57; Sir Joseph Hotung, company chairman, 66; Sir Ralph Howell, MP, 73; Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Lord Lyon King of Arms, 58; Sir Julian Loyd, former land agent to The Queen, Sandringham estate, 70; Sir Ian McKellen, actor, 57; the Right Rev Michael Mann, former Dean of Windsor, 72; Mr Dillwyn Miles, The Herald Bard, 80; Lord Plummer of St Marylebone, 82; Mr Geoffrey Robinson, MP, 58; His Honour *Alastair* Sharp, QC, 85; Miss Beverly Sills, operatic soprano, 67; Professor Sir Francis Vallat, QC, 84; Mr David Wynne, sculptor, 70.

TOMORROW:
Mrs Susan Baird, former Lord Provost and Lord-Lieutenant of Glasgow, 56; Mr Michael Bates, MP, 35; Miss Helena Bonham Carter, actress, 30; Miss Zola Budd, athlete, 30; Miss Gill Coleridge, literary agent, 48; Mr Jeremy Corbyn, MP, 47; Mr Roy Dotrice, actor, 71; Sir David English, chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Associated Newspapers, 65; Sir Peter Fry, MP, 65; Mr Howard Goodall, composer, 38; Mrs Judith Goodland, Headmistress, Wycombe Abbey School, 58; Mr Anthony Greener, chairman, Guinness, 56; Lord Gridley, 90; Mr Alan Hollinghurst, novelist, 42; Sir Kenneth Jones, former High Court judge, 75; Sir Patrick Kingsley, former Keeper of the Records, Duchy of Cornwall, 88; Miss Peggy Lee, singer, 76; Mr Alec McCowen, actor, 71; Lord Mayfield, 75; Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, 43; Mr David Prichard, Headmaster, Wycliffe College, 62; Sir Colin Sampson, former HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, 67; Mr Ian Sparks, chief executive, *The Children's Society*, 53; Lord Stevens of Ludgate, 60; Wing Commander Sir Kenneth Stoddart, former Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, 82; Mr Philip Treacy, fashion designer, 29; Mr Glen Turner, cricketer, 49; Air Marshal Sir John Walker, 60; the Earl of Wharncliffe, 43.

Lord-Lieutenant

Major William Joseph Hall to be Lord-Lieutenant for County Down in succession to Colonel William Stephen Brownlow.

Anniversaries this weekend

TODAY
BIRTHS: John *Stuart* Bute, 3rd Earl of Bute, Prime Minister 1762-63, Edinburgh, 1713; Ralph Waldo Emerson, writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1803; Tom Sayers, champion bare-knuckle fighter, Brighton, 1826; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Maple, Ontario, 1879; Igor *Sikorsky, pioneer of the* helicopter, Kiev, 1889; Gene Tunney, boxer, New York City, 1897; Miles Davis, jazz trumpeter, Alton, Illinois, 1926.

DEATHS: The Venerable Bede, theologian, Jarrow, 735; Gustave Holst, composer, London, 1934; Robert Capa, photographer, killed in Vietnam, 1954.

The Philadelphia Convention met to draw up the US Constitution, 1787.

The Bank Holidays Act was passed, 1871.

American athlete Jesse Owens set five new world records and equalled a sixth in less than one hour at Michigan, 1935.

TOMORROW
BIRTHS: Philippe de Champaigne, painter, Brussels, 1602; John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, soldier, Ashe, Devon, 1650; Edmund de Goncourt, novelist, Nancy, France, 1882; Mary, Queen Consort of King George V, Kensington Palace, 1867; Al Jolson, singer, Seredzius, Lithuania, 1886; Sir Eugene Goossens, composer and conductor, London, 1893; John Wayne, film actor, Winterset, Iowa, 1907; Robert Morley, actor, dramatist, Semley, Wiltshire, 1908.

DEATHS: St Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury 597-604, Canterbury, 604; Samuel Pepys, diarist, London, 1703; John Curwen, music educator, founder of the tonic sol-fa system, Manchester, 1880; Charles Mayo, surgeon, Chicago, 1939; Tamara Karsavina, prima ballerina, Beaconsfield, 1978.

£1 and £2 banknotes were first issued in England, 1797.

The American Civil War ended, 1865.

Michael Barrett, a Fenian, was executed in London — the last public execution, 1868.

The first major Middle East oil strike was made in Persia, 1908.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.C. Braidley and Dr L.A. Ementon-Shaw
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Mr Brian Braidley and of Mrs Patricia Braidley, of Horsforth, Leeds, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerard Shaw, of Manchester.

Mr G.F.W. Dix and Miss K.S. Sadler
The engagement is announced between Gregory, elder son of Mr Mario Dix, of Malta, and Mrs Betsey Dix, of Tunbridge Wells, and Kim, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Robin Sadler, of Wimborne.

The Hon John Holme and Miss S. Orr
The engagement is announced between John, twin son of Lord and Lady Holme of Cheltenham, of Lurgashall, West Sussex, and Sophie, youngest daughter of James Orr and Dian Cope, of Malvern, Worcestershire.

Mr M.J.P. Paynter and Miss J. Huddleston
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Cecil Paynter, of Hever, Kent, and Julie, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Peter Huddleston, of Kendal, Cumbria.

Mr R. Pearce and Miss L. Cornford
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Pearce, of Somerset, and Lindsey, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Cornford, of Suffolk.

Dr A.J. Russell and Miss J.S. Overton
Stuart and Angela Overton, of Le Fleix, France, are pleased to announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Justine, to Andrew, elder son of the Rev John and Sheila Russell, of Tillicoultry, Scotland.

Mr M.R.G. Tomlinson and Miss V.A. Hotine
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Tomlinson, of Pitlochry, Strathtummel, and Victoria, daughter of the late Mr John Hotine and of Mrs Jilly Calder-Potts, and stepdaughter of Mr Ian Calder-Potts, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

School news

St Edward's School, Oxford

Today is Gaudy Day. The preacher is the Rev R.H. Lloyd, Rector of Shill Valley and Broadshire, formerly Chaplain of Dragon School. Vice Admiral M.P. Gretton, MA, FNI, The Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic Representative in Europe, will present the prizes and address the school.

The following Scholarships and other Awards are announced.

For entry to the Shells in September 1996:

Major Scholarships
The Brewer-Williams Scholarships: Richard Merrick, Swanbourne House School, Milton Keynes; Jonathan Mather, Dragon School, Oxford; The Woodward Scholarship: James *Thomson*, Winchester House School, Brackley; The Lord Halifax Scholarship: Spencer Walker, Beachborough, Brackley; The Sir Edgar Williams Scholarship: William Conibear, Dragon School, Oxford; The Cowie Scholarship: James *Mason*, Beachborough, Brackley; Continuation Scholarship and Egerton Award: Edward Adrian-Vallance, Dragon School, Oxford; Continuation Scholarship: James Kitovitz, Dragon School, Oxford.

Exhibitions
Christopher Kenning, *S Anselm's*, Bakewell; Simon Mills, St Hugh's School, Faringdon; Matthew Pert, Dragon School, Oxford; HM Forces Exhibition: Robin White, Papplewick, Ascot.

Music Scholarships
Robert Stevenson, Beechwood Park, St Alban's; Peter Siepmann, New College School, Oxford; William Balkwill, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford; Dominic Wilson, Westminster Abbey Choir School.

Music Exhibitions
Martin Kuplens-Ewart, Gymnasium Paulinum, Münster; Aidan Holloway, New College School, Oxford.

Art Exhibitions
James Honey, Papplewick, Ascot; Sam Lawson Johnston, Dragon School, Oxford.

Rotherfield Awards
Jonathan Hodson, West Hill Park, Titchfield; David Copp, St Andrew's School, Pangbourne; Guy Smith, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford.

Continuation Awards (for entry to the Shells in September 1998)
Alexander Bramble, West Hill Park, Titchfield; Christopher Brooke-Hollidge, St Hugh's, Faringdon; *Daniel Chambers, St Piran's*, Maidenhead; Edward Mather, Dragon School, Oxford; William Myers, West Hill Park, Titchfield; Mark Quartley, Dragon School, Oxford; Michael Rumbold, Farleigh School, Andover.

For entry to the Lower Sixth in September 1996:

Scholarships
Caroline Penney, Wycombe Abbey, High Wycombe (Cooper Scholarship); Abigail Parry, SS Helen & Katharine, Abingdon; Shahila Pillai, Headington School, Oxford.

Exhibitions
Helen King, SS Helen & Katharine, Abingdon; Olivia Sutcliffe, St Clotilde's School, Lechlade.

Music Scholarship
Katharine Southwell, Headington School, Oxford.

Sherborne School

The following awards have been made at Sherborne School:

Scholarships
N G Foster (Top), Woodcote House; R P J Merricks (Ross Wallace), Vinehall; A J L Harris, Boundary Oak; J C Kierstead, Sherborne Preparatory School; R M Willington, Sherborne Preparatory School.

Exhibitions
D W M Bridger, Mount House; R B C *Dickens, Cumnor House*; J W Fairlie, The Pilgrims' and Sherborne School; H W Farris, The Downs, Wraxall; J F Helliar, Sherborne Preparatory School; H T Mitchell, Port Regis; T O P Nutley, King's School Bruton Junior School; R G S Lane, Norman *Court*; *T C B Williams (Raban), Forres* Sandle Manor; H J Poraj-Wilczynski, Sherborne Preparatory School Exhibition.

Jeremy Irons
T C Ackroyd, Ballard Lake; D W M Bridger, Mount House; C P W Gammell, Vinehall; A J L Harris, Boundary Oak; H T Mitchell, Port Regis.

Art Exhibitions
W E Hogg, Monkton Combe Junior School; W B C Mackrell, St Anthony's, Hampstead; F H Toogood, Norman Court.

Sixth Form Scholarship
D.W.P. Cooper (Crawhall-Wilson), Aberaeron Comprehensive, Dyfed.

Music Scholarships
E J Ball, Sherborne Preparatory School; J S Dudbridge, Exeter Cathedral School; T A Vale, Wells Cathedral School; C F Verney, King's School Bruton Junior School; A L Westwood, St John's College School, Cambridge.

St John's School, *Leatherhead*

Scholarship Awards 1996

Academic Awards: Lower Sixth - Annahita Mackee, Sir William Perkins; Denise Mountain, City of London Freemen's; Megan Goodyer, Bay House; Rachel Macrorie, St Teresa's; Louise Young, Parsons Mead. Fourth Form - Benjamin Hall, Downsend; Christopher Lilley, Danes Hill; Alexander Marshall, Danes Hill; Ken Toda, Shrewsbury House; Andrew *Shaw*, Cranmore; Erwyn Mackee, Milbourne Lodge; Anthony Sewell, Ripley Court; James Smith, Ripley Court.

Music Awards: Sixth Form - Duk-Kyu Kim, Canbury; Catherine Thompson, Parsons Mead; Charlotte Booth, Nonsuch; *Rachel Macrorie*, St Teresa's. Fourth Form - Christopher D'Souza, Homefield; Richard Killick, Cranmore; Edward Croome, The Priory.

Art Awards: *Lower Sixth - Annahita* Mackee, Sir William Perkins; Rachel Macrorie, St Teresa's; Deborah Hyde, Manor House. Fourth Form - James Hutton, Danes Hill; Eliot Nash, Danes Hill; Benjamin Portwine, Downsend; Michael Robinson, *Downsend; Simon Thompson*, Downsend; Oliver Thorne, Belmont.

All-Rounder Awards: Thomas Knights, Cranmore; William Palmer, Danes Hill; Simon Thomas, Shrewsbury House; James Balcombe, *Homefield; David Eaton*, Cranmore; Nicholas Ironside-Wood, Shrewsbury House.

Church services tomorrow

Whit Sunday

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Lloyd Hereford Service, O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis); 6.30 SE, O Holy spirit of Grace (Tye), Dyson in D, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). The Provost.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 M; In falsobordoni (Morley), My *spirit* longs (King Henry VIII); 11 S Euch, Darke in E, Te Deum, Collegium Regale (Howells); 3.30 Choral E, Sumsion in G, Be still my soul (Whitlock).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Choral Euch, M Brevis (Palestrina), Veni Creator (Tallis); 4 Choral E, Stanford in A, Come Holy Ghost (A Carter), Te Deum, Collegium Regale (Howells).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL, College Green: 7.40; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Carter), The Tree (Harvey), The Dean; 2.15 Festival of the Sea, Thanksgiving, The Bishop; 3.30 EP.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Britten in E, Veni sancte spiritus (Haydn); 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Bennett), Non vos relinquam (Bryd), The Dean; 3.15 E, Darke in F, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rt Rev P Lee; 6.30 Evening for Pentecost.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Stanford in B flat & F, Sicut cervus (Palestrina), Canon C Hill; 3 E, Parry in D, Hail *gladdening light (Wood)*.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC, Canon D Knight; 9.30 Euch, Canon D Knight; 11.15 S Euch, Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Agnus Dei, Canon B Thompson; 6 Choral E & Procession, Jackson in G, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). The Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: *7.45 L; 8 HC;* 10 Choral Euch, Darke in F, O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (T Attwood), Canon T Dennis; 11.30 Choral M, Rutter in C, Jubilate, Canon M Rees; 3.30 Choral E, Stainer in B flat, The wilderness (Wesley); 6.30 Evening Service for Pentecost, Canon M Rees.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: *8 HC; 10 M,* Short Service (Weelkes), Non vos relinquam orphonos (Byrd), The Bishop; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), Jesu dulcis memoria (Shephard), The Dean; 3.30 E, Chichester Service (Berkeley), Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes (Palestrina).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford: 8 HC; 10 M & Sermon, Te Deum (Harris), Prof H Williamson; 11.15 S Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), If ye love me (Tallis), Canon Ward; 6 E & College Prayer, First Service (Sheppard), Veni sancte Spiritus (Byrd).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 *Communion; 10.30 Euch & Confirmation*, Stanford in C & F, O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), Spirit of the living God (Wright), I will not leave you comfortless (Byrd); 3 German Lutherans; 3 Polish Lutherans; 5.30 E, I will not leave you comfortless (Byrd), Brewer in D, Save us O Lord (Bairstow).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: *8 HC, Canon D* Brown; 10 M, Britten in C, O Lord give thy Holy Spirit, The Dean; 11.15 HC, Mass in G, The Bishop; 3.30 E, The Fourth Service (Batten), Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Sumsion in F, Jubilate in D (Dyson), Come O *Creator Spirit (Noble), The Lord Bishop*; 3.45 E, Harwood in A flat, Come Holy Ghost (Attwood).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Procession & S Euch, Messe Solenelle (Langlais), The Treasurer; 11.15 M & Blessing of Choristers, Boyce in C, Dum complerentur (Palestrina), The Precentor; 3 E, Harwood in A flat, The wilderness (Wesley); 6.30 E, Christians Together in central Exeter, Rev J Davies.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Rev Dr I Fisher; 10.30 S Euch, Special order of service, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Dum complerentur (Palestrina), The Dean; 6.30 Service for Whit Sunday, special order of service.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 S Euch, How, Come Holy Ghost (Attwood), Rt Rev T Brown; 4 Choral E, Scarth in E flat, Veni Sancte Spiritus (Dunstable), The Chancellor.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: *8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar)*, If ye love me (Tallis), The Dean; 3.30 E & Procession, Second Service (Gibbons), Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes (Palestrina).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch & Procession, Messe Solennelle, The *Subdean*; 11.15 M, Ireland in F, Come Holy Ghost (Attwood); 3.45 E, Dyson in D, How lovely are the messengers (Mendelssohn), The Chancellor.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC; 10.30 Euch, The Dean; 3 Choral E, Canon N Vincent; 4 HC.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L; 8, 12.15 Holy Euch, The Dean; 9 Procession & Parish Euch, The Lord Bishop; 11 Procession & S Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Dum ergo essent discipuli (Victoria), The Canon; 3.30 Choral E, Second Service (Leighton), Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes (Palestrina); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, Rev N Court.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in A minor, Ave verum corpus (Elgar), The Dean; 6.30 E, Dyson in D, If ye love me (Tallis), Come Holy Ghost (Hoyle), The Dean;

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: *8 Holy Euch; 10.30 S* Euch, Jackson in G, Listen sweet dove; 6.30 E, Dyson in D, Do not I fill heaven and earth? (Blair).

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 9.30 M, Stanford in B flat; 10.30 Euch, Missa aedis Christi (Mathias), Veni sancte spiritus *(Fenton), The Dean; 3.30 E & Procession*, Rootham in E minor, Spiritus Domini (Ridout).

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M, Jubilate (Ireland in F), Come Holy Ghost (Attwood); 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Mozart), Come Holy Ghost (Attwood), Canon M *O'Connor; 3.15 E, Come Holy Ghost (Attwood)*, Ireland in F, Come Holy Ghost (Thorpe-Davie).

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon J Davies; 10 Euch & Confirmation, Collegium Regale (Howells), The spirit of the Lord (Elgar), The Bishop; 11.45 M, Te Deum (Collegium Regale) (Howells), Jubilate (Collegium Regale) *(Howells), Come down O love divine (Harris)*, Canon J Osborne; 3 E, Gloucester Service (Howells), I will pour out my spirit (B Naylor); 4.30 Concert.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8,7.45 HC; 9.45 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Missa cum Jubilo (Durufle), Veni sancte spiritus reple (Byrd) The Bishop; 3 *Outdoor Baptism & Confirmation, The Bishop*; 6.30 Festal E & Sermon, Statham in E minor, Evening Prayer (Loie), The Bishop.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Schubert in G, Dum complerentur (Palestrina), Come holy Ghost (Attwood), The Provost; 3 Choral E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Te Deum (Stanford in B flat), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev R White.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, The Chancellor; 11 S Euch, If ye love me (Tallis), Jackson in G, Veni sancte Spiritus (Lassus), The Provost; 3.15 E, Jackson in G, Lord when the sense of thy sweet grace (Berkeley), Procession.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 S Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Come Holy Ghost (Palestrina), The Dean; 6 E, Stanford in A, Dum Complerentur *(Palestrina), The Librarian*.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Rev A Jennings; 9.15 Parish C, Canon I Knox; 11 Solemn Euch, Ireland in C, Te Deum (Stanford in C), Come gracious Spirit (Farrell), Canon D O'Connor; 6.30 Solemn E, Murrill in E, Come down O love divine (Harris), Canon D Baxter.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: *8 HC;* 9.45 S Euch, *Missa* Brevis (Palestrina), Veni Creator (Gibbons), Very Rev R Lewis; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat, If ye love me (Tallis); 3 E, Stanford in B flat, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev P de N Lucas.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), Gracious Spirit (Forbes), Litany to the Holy Spirit (Hurford), *The Dean*; 3 E, Stanford in C, The dove descending (Harvey), Canon E James; 5.45 Choral Recital, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg; 6.30 E, Canon A Harvey.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7,8,9,12noon, 5.30,7; 10 MP; 10.30 Solemn M, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), Veni Sancte Spiritus (Victoria), Dum complerentur dies pentecostes (Victoria), Fantasia super Komm, heiliger Geist BWV 651 (Bach); 3.30 Solemn V&B, Magnificat primi toni (Victoria), Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf BWV 226 (Bach), Toccata Festevole (Wilson); 4.30 Recital.

YORK MINSTER: 8,8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Schubert in G, Veni creator (arr Bullock), Rt Rev J Bailey; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat; 4 E, Stanford in B flat, Dum complerentur (Palestrina), Canon P Ferguson.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Ireland in C, *If ye love me* (Tallis), Rev A Mitchell; 3.30 Choral E, The Gloucester Service (Howells), Come Holy Ghost, the maker (C T Davie).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8,10,6 LM; 11.30 Solemn Mass, Parish Confirmations, A Community Mass (R Proulx), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Archbishop M Bowen.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Kodaly), Jubilate Deo, Collegium Regale (Howells), Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes (Palestrina), The Dean; 3.15 E, Stanford in C, Come Holy Ghost (Harvey), Rev M Saward; 5.15 Organ Recital.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8,5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Miss in B flat (Hummel), Rev J Gaskell; 6 E&B, Bairstow in D, Rev I Davies.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 Communion; 11 Preb R Bewes; 6.30, Dr D Carson.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa in honorem Sancti Joseph (Peeters), Laudate pueri Dominum (Monteverdi), Dum complerentur (Palestrina).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, *SW3: 8,12 HC;* 10 Children; 11 M, Listen sweet dove (Ives), Rev Dr P Elvy; 6 E, O thou the central orb (Woods), Dr P Elvy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15; 6.30 Rev S Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Messe Solonnelle (Vierne), Confirma hoc (Handl), Veni Creator (Plainsong/Durufle), Fr V Hawe.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 ASB HC, *Rev SN Downham*; 11 Family; 5, 7.30 Informal Service, Rev S Millar.

THE ORATORY, *Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9,* 10, 11 Mass, Coronation Mass (Mozart), *Spiritus Sanctus procedens* (Sheppard) 12.30, 4.30, 7 *Mass*; 3.30 V & B, Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis).

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns, W8: Pentecost.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 Rev Dr G Barritt; 11 Rev Dr C Morris.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11; 6.30, Rev Dr P Graves.

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, Chatham, Kent: 9.45 MP; 10.30 S Mass and Sermon.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC & Confirmation, Rev P Schmiege; 7 Jazz Vespers, Lars Dede, Vikar.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, T D Statham, Behold O God *our defender (Howells), The Rector*; 6.30 Festal E, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, *Jubilate* (Weelkes Short Service), St Nicholas' Mass (Haydn), *God* who as at this time (Giles), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Magnificat/Nunc Dimittis (Leighton in G), *two settings of Come Holy Ghost I) Attwood* ii)Thorpe Davie, Canon J Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Mozart), If ye love me (Tallis), Rev R Noble.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev W Cairns; 6.30 Rev C MacLeod.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 9,11 Masses, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Veni Creator (Attwood), Factus est Repente (Aichinger).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Mozart in C, The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch (1662), John Paul, Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Dum complerentur (Palestrina), Mr N Biddle; 6 Choral E, Fauxbourdons (Whitlock), Come Holy Ghost (Attwood).

ST JAMES'S, *Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S* Euch, Rev D Reeves; 5.45 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 Family C, Fanfare (Whitlock), Rev D Richards; 6.30 EP & Praise, Toccata Gothique (Boellmann), The Bishop.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, *The spirit of the Lord (Elgar)*, Rev D Watson; 6.30 E, So God loved the world (Gibbons), Rev D Watson.

ST MARK'S, *Regents Park Rd*, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Darke in A minor, Listen sweet dove (G Ives), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), The spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev P Cowell.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Loquebantur *(Tallis), Rev C Herbert; 11.30 Visitors, Te Deum* from Short Service (Byrd), O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), Rev C Herbert; 2.45 Chinese; 5 Choral E, Kelly in C, Loquebantur (Tallis); 6.30 Evening, The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 8,12.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, Rev P Stubbs; *11.15 Choral M, Rev F Gelli; 6.30 E, Rev N Pain.*

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9,10,7 *LM*; 11 HM Coronation Mass (Mozart), Canon G Reid; 6 Solemn E & Solemn B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Communion Service in C (Ireland), O Lord give thy holy spirit (Tallis), Rev Lyndon van der Pump; 6 Searching for Wholeness.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Messe basse (Faure), Per le porte del tormento (Sosarme) (Handel), Rev P Wells.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Mass in D (Mozart), Come Holy Ghost (Harvey), Wherefore O Father (Dubois), Rev H Ruschmeyer.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Fr D Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, *Milner St, SW3: 11 MP*, God's love (Kelly), Te Deum (Ireland), I will not leave you comfortless (Byrd), Rev R Ballard; 6.30 E, Stanford in C, God is a spirit (Bennett), Rev B Hughes.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Te Deum (Chant), Benedicite (Stanford in A), Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes (Palestrina) Canon J G M Murphy.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Schubert in G, Canon E Buchanan.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC (1662), Choral Euch, Vaughan Williams in *D minor*, Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis); 3.30 E, Come Holy Ghost (Attwood), Gloucester Service (Howells), Loquebantur variis apostolis (Palestrina).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, *South Audley Street*, W1: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Kelly), Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis), Komm Heiliger Geist (Bach), Rev S Hobbs.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Jackson in G, The Chaplain.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30,11.15 HC; *Stanford in C & F, The Spirit of* the Lord (Elgar), Stanford Coronation in B flat, The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, *O Lord* give thy holy spirit (Tallis), O come creator spirit come (Noble), Band of the blues and royals, Rev C Gilbert; 12 HC.

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BIRTHS

ALBRACHT - On April 27th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Concepta (née Flynn) and Thomas, a son, Ryan Thomas, a brother for Holly.

BERGQVIST - On 18th May, to Sarah (née Addis) and Philip, a son, Jack William Erik, a brother to proud Charlie.

BOWERS - On May 18th, to Rosemary (née Percival) and Ian, a son, John William Rivers.

BROWN - On May 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Angela (née Diakopoulou) and Colin, a beautiful daughter, Annabelle, a sister for Christopher.

BRUCE - On 13th May 1996 at Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Rosemary and James, a beautiful daughter, Isabella Sophie Tudor.

CAVANAGH - On May 22nd, to Margaret (née Lorman) and Michael, a son, Henry Alexander and a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, a brother and sister for Gregory. Deo Gratias.

CAVANAGH - On May 20th, to Amanda (née Bright) and John, a daughter, Alice Lucy, a sister for Thomas.

FOX - On 19th May, to Lucy (née Ogden) and Stuart, a daughter, Isabella Mary Leonora.

GOBLE - On Sunday May 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Hélène (née des Garets) and Jonathan, a daughter, Mary Solange Lea.

HARRIDEN - Anthony and Karin are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Linell on 20th May. A sister for Kate and Charlie.

IRONSIDE-SMITH - On May 17th at Warwick Hospital, to Deborah (née Johnston-Smith) and Jonathan, a son, Dougal James.

JACKSON-McEUEN - To Myles and Lorna, on May 4th, a daughter, Susanna.

LEEMING - On May 23rd, to Elizabeth and Antony, a son, Andrew Michael.

LEWIS - On May 20th to Roisin and Paul a daughter, Jasmin Melody, fairer than the evening air wrapped in the beauty of a thousand stars.

LUZADDER - On May 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Patricia (McCreary) and Monte, a beautiful son, Joseph.

MESSEGARS - On May 19th, to Lucy (née Bourdillon) and Simon, a daughter, Claire.

MORRIS - On April 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Cristina and Robert, a girl, Leah Catherine, a sister for Brenner, Ana and Sonia.

SINGLEHURST - On May 22nd, to Susanna (née Farr) and James, a son, Charles Farr, a brother for Holly Joy.

THOMPSON - Lauren Dylan at The Portland Hospital on May 22nd - sister for Kim, Nicole and Malcolm and granddaughter for Tommy, Richard and Joan.

VINAIXA KINNEAR - On 16th May in Madrid, to José and Jana, a daughter, Belén, a sister for Lucia.

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BIRTH AND DEATH NOTICES

To place your Birth or Death Notices over the May Bank Holiday period please call during the following times.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

COLE:CRAGG - Betty and Derek married 26th May 1946. Congratulations on your Golden Wedding. With love Danny and Caroline.

DEATHS

ALTHEER - Hendrickus Johannes Theodorus, peacefully in hospital at Perth, WA, aged 80, brother of Maria, father of David and Neil, father-in-law of Rowena and Jitwadee, Opa of Sarah, Michael and Catherine, uncle of Susan and Jimmy. *Loved by all.*

BRADISH - (Lonsdale, Crossabeg, Co. Wexford). On 23rd May 1996 suddenly at home, Lt-Col. W.B.P. Bradish. Funeral Service today, Saturday 25th May at 3 o'clock in Killurin Church, burial afterwards in adjoining Churchyard.

BRAWN - Peacefully on 23rd May 1996 at the Garden House Nursing Home, Thrapston, John Arthur of Thrapston (and formerly of The Post Office Stores Ashley), the beloved husband of Margaret. Funeral Service will be held at St James Church, Thrapston, on Thursday 30th May at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu may be given to St James Church Bell Tower Fund c/o *Crowsons Funeral Directors*, Barnwell, nr. Oundle, Peterborough PE8 5PS.

CARGILL - Patrick aged 77, passed peacefully away after a short illness. Much loved brother of Joan Jackman and dear uncle to Bruce and Robin, greatly missed by James his ward. Private funeral. No flowers. Donations Sue Ryder, Nettlebed.

DAMER - Terence Augustus who died peacefully after a brief illness on Wednesday 22nd May 1996 aged 89. Terry was the much loved father of his two children Stuart and Tracy, he also leaves a stepdaughter and widow. Terry was well respected for his integrity, enthusiasm and commitment throughout his working life by all those that came into contact with him and will be greatly missed by family and friends alike. The funeral service will be held in St Mary's Church, Bletchingley, Surrey at *11.30 am on Wednesday* 29th May to which all are welcome, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Have a Heart Appeal c/o Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 6AZ.

DENNIS - Anthony Leslie, of Truro, Cornwall, died peacefully at home on 24th May. Much loved husband of Patricia and much loved father of Rosie, Chris and Michael. Funeral for family and friends only. Memorial Service at a later date. Donations if desired to Cornwall Macmillan Service, 3, St. Clement Vean, Tregolls Road, Truro, TR1 1RN.

EAST - On May 21st peacefully after a long illness borne with great courage, Frederick Henry East C.B., aged 76. Dearly beloved and loving husband of Christine and fond uncle of Faith, Ian, Sarah, John and Clarissa. Friends will be welcome to *attend the service at St* Nicholas Church, Swindon Lane, Cheltenham on Thursday May 30th at 2.30pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations to the Alzheimer's Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1, would be appreciated.

EDWARDS - On 22nd May, peacefully at home, Bernard, loving husband of Barbara and father of Tim. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Wednesday 29th May at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to N.S.P.C.C. c/o Hawkins & Sons, Highlands Road, Leatherhead KT22 8ND.

FERNIE - On 1st May, 1996 Eva F.I. Fernie of 47 Geffery's Fields, Chequers Road, Basingstoke, in her 86th year. Only daughter of Peter William Fernie and Eva Atkinson Fernie, (née Haines from Ireland). Interment took place privately on 24th May at Great Burstead, Essex. 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' The Holy Bible St.John 3.16.

FOSS - On 23rd May 1996 Samuel Wakeley Beart aged 84 years of Minehead. Loving husband of Yeola. The funeral service will be held at 12 noon on Thursday 30th May at the Taunton Deane Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Enquiries to Murrell & Dewar (01643) 702086.

GRAY - Robert Michael Ker. Peacefully, after a long illness, on 23rd May. Funeral Service at Church of St Peter and St Paul, Checkendon, Oxfordshire, at 11 am on Thursday 30th May. A Requiem Mass will be held later in London.

HAYCRAFT - John Stacpoole CBE, founder of International House, died suddenly at home May 23rd, aged 69. Beloved husband of Brita and much loved father of Katinka, Richard, and Jimmy, and loving grandfather of Merlyn, Bengie, Barney, Timothy, Bella, and Lily. Will be sadly missed by family and friends, colleagues and affiliates in the world of ELT. Funeral service will take place at St. Michael's Church, Blackheath Park, London SE3 on Thursday May 30th at 4 pm. Memorial Service to be announced. Flowers to Francis Chappell, 402 High Street, Lewisham, London SE13. Donations to The British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH or The International House Ben Warren Trust, 106 Piccadilly, London W1V 9FL.

HUGHES - On May 23rd 1996 after a long illness, John Patteson Hughes F.R.C.P. of Ipswich. Much loved husband of June, father of Robert, Charles and Janet, and grandfather of Jonathan, Emily and Edward. Funeral Service on Monday 3rd June at 11.30am at St Mary Le Tower, Ipswich, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired made payable to British Heart Foundation may be sent to Farthing, Singleton & Hastings, 650, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4PW.

LUBBOCK - Sara Aileen Betty on 19th May 1996. Wife of the late Dr. Derek A. Lubbock. She will be greatly missed by friends and family. The cremation service will be at 2 pm on Thursday 30th May 1996 at West Chapel, Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear Road, Ruislip. No flowers. Donations to National Trust c/o Kirkwoods, 41A Church Road, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4AB (Ref: RDB).

MATTHEWS - Peacefully in Alexandra Unit after a brave fight Evelyn of Blackwood, Auldgirth, Dumfries, dearest husband of Sue and darling father of Louise and David. Funeral Service on Tuesday, 28th May, 1996 at 1pm in Crichton Memorial Chapel, Dumfries and thereafter to Keir Churchyard for 2.30pm. Family flowers only, no letters please. Donations may be sent to Alexandra Unit, Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary.

PALMER - Muriel Joyce, aged 87, proud and devoted mother of Roy, mother-in-law of Celia and grandmother of Suzanne and Jennifer, peacefully on May 23rd 1996, at the Ferndown Residential Home, Dorset, devotedly cared for by Lynne and Peter Wilson. All enquiries to A.E. Jolliffe & Son, Funeral Director, 17 Victoria Road, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9HT, tel: (01202) 872050.

PEERS - On 23rd May 1996 peacefully in her 96th year Sybil (Babs), widow of Victor, dear mother of David, grandmother, great-grandmother, much loved by her family and friends. Funeral Service at Our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Road, Bognor, at 3.30 pm on Friday, 31st May followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

PENNOCK - Jack on May 20th 1996 aged 79. Cremation at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium at 12.30 pm on 31st May, followed by a thanksgiving service at St James Hill, Four Oaks at 1.15 pm and afterwards at St James Church Hall. All who knew him are welcome. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to Christian Aid or Amnesty International via F.M. & J. Walt Funeral Directors, 28, Bird Street, Lichfield, Staffs. WS13 6PW.

SCOTT - Michael George, died in New Zealand on May 15th after a long illness courageously borne. Fondly remembered by many friends here and in New Zealand. The funeral will be on June 5th in Auckland.

SLADE - Peacefully at their Wiltshire home on 23rd May 1996, David, much loved husband of Avril, loving father of Nicholas, Kevin, Nicholas and Tamsyn. Funeral service at St. Nicholas Church, Fisherton de la Mere Wednesday 29th May at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations for The Salisbury Hospice Car Trust c/o Chris White, Funeral Director, 45 Russell Street, Wilton.

TODD - Francis Denys on 21st May at Canterbury. Very much missed. Paul, Debbie, Paul, Peter and David Farrelly. Great-uncle the memories will always be with us.

WATSON - Cecil Henry Barrett M.A. Canon of Southwell Minster and Rector of Gedling, Nottingham 1958-1985. Passed away on 22nd May 1996 in his 83rd year.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KIRBY/WILDE - There will be a gathering of friends to remember Scarlett Jane Kirby and Crimm Wilde in The Great Hall, Longleat on Sunday 2nd June 1996 at 8pm. RSVP Benny 01985 844400 + 227.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

MITCHELL GREEN - Darling Mary-Jean born May 26th 1951, passed away May 11th, 1990, always loved and missed by Peter, Alexander and Andrew.

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY HYSON

Dorothy Hyson, film and stage star, and widow of the Shakespearean actor Sir Anthony Quayle, died on May 23 aged 81. She was born on December 24, 1914.

ON THEIR first introduction in 1936, Anthony Quayle considered Dorothy Hyson "the most beautiful creature I had ever seen". That first reaction, which was to develop into one of the great love stories of the modern British theatre, had been internationally endorsed three years earlier, when Cary Grant hailed her as "the world's new sweetheart". Hyson's perfect heart-shaped face, vivid cornflower-blue eyes and translucent halo of blonde hair also inspired Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart to write the song *The Most Beautiful Girl in the World*. For a time, Hyson's looks confined her to *ingénue* territory, but in the title role of John Gielgud's definitive 1945 production of *Lady Windermere's Fan*, she ultimately became the quintessential Wildean heroine.

Born in Chicago, Dorothy Wardell Heisen was the only child of the American-born beauty and musical comedy star Dorothy Dickson and her husband, Carl Constantine Heisen, who changed his name to Carl Hyson and became America's foremost exponent of ballroom dancing. She made her acting debut aged three at Paramount's Long Island studios in the 1917 silent film *Money Mad* (later known as *Paying the Piper*) as the child of a headstrong heiress, played by her mother. Histrionic ability was evident even at that age. The film's director, George Fitzmaurice, found that he could get her to sob and cry on cue merely by speaking to her severely.

In 1921 her parents settled in Britain, where they subsequently separated and divorced. Dorothy Dickson's gigantic success in the title role of Jerome Kern's musical, *Sally*, made her London's highest-paid star, and "Little Dot", as she was known in the family, was sent to a preparatory boarding school, Godstowe at High Wycombe, and then as a boarder to the girls' public school Westonbirt in Gloucestershire.

She made two appearances on the London stage as a child: as Patty in J. M. Barrie's *Quality Street* at the Savoy Theatre in 1927, and at the Strand in 1928 as Ethel Monticue in Daisy Ashford's *The Young Visiters*, in which her performance caused James Agate to hail her as "the comedienne of the future". Sybil Thorndike agreed. "She's got it, hasn't she?" she said to Dorothy Dickson. "She's going to be a star."

After a year at the Paris finishing school of Madame de Landelles, Hyson made her adult London debut at 18 at the Playhouse Theatre as Gladys Cooper's daughter in Ivor Novello's comedy *Flies in the Sun*. She was bewildered to find herself wildly applauded on her entrance, largely because her celebrated mother was watching from the royal box. But being a star's daughter did not assist her debut in sound films with Cicely Courtneidge in the 1933 musical *Soldiers of the King*. Courtneidge's husband, Jack Hulbert, who was choreographing, was "brutal" on learning that Hyson had no idea how to perform an *adagio* dance. "Well, you'll just have to get on with it," he snapped.

Her appearance with Boris Karloff and Ralph Richardson in the early horror film *The Ghoul* brought her to the attention of American cinemagoers but she disliked Hollywood and resolved never to work there. Instead, she appeared at the Westminster Theatre in Maxwell Anderson's comedy *Saturday's Children* and joined Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph in the British musical film, *That's A Good Girl*.

Her captivating charm in the film of Ben Travers's Aldwych farce, *Turkey Time*, as the wistful pierrette fought over by Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn, led to a two-year contract with one of Britain's top directors, Basil Dean, who overworked her disastrously. In May 1934 Hyson was appearing nightly with Flora Robson in Dodie Smith's West End play *Touch Wood* under Dean's direction, and simultaneously filming for him during the day on location in Blackpool in the Gracie Fields musical *Sing As We Go*. Exhausted by lack of sleep, long train journeys and Dean's bullying, Hyson suffered a severe nervous breakdown. She was replaced by the then unknown Margaret Lockwood as Annie Ridd in Dean's film of *Lorna Doone*.

Freed from Dean's autocratic domination, Hyson recovered to star in the musical film *Happy* as the blonde beauty with whom Stanley Lupino falls in love at first sight in a nightclub. She then rejoined Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn in a second screen version of a Ben Travers Aldwych farce *A Cup of Kindness*, followed by a West End role opposite Laurence Olivier in *The Ringmaster*, directed by Raymond Massey.

In 1935, at the age of 20, she married the British film and stage actor Robert Douglas, with whom she made her Broadway debut four months later in John Van Druten's short-lived comedy *Most of the Game*. Back in London in 1936, she appeared with Celia Johnson in the stage dramatisation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, playing Jane Bennet. Also in the cast was Anthony Quayle, then married to the actress Hermione Hannen. Quayle was dazzled by Hyson's beauty but believed her to be happily married. In fact, her marriage to Douglas, of which her mother had deeply disapproved, had been a failure from the start.

Before she met Quayle again, Hyson starred in four West End plays: with Basil Radford in *To Have and to Hold*; with Margaret Rutherford in *The Melody That Got Lost*; with René Ray in *Three Blind Mice*; and with Ann Todd in *She, Too, Was Young*. It was the casting of Hyson's close friend, Vivien Leigh, as Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone With The Wind*, that indirectly brought Quayle back into her life in 1939. Hyson replaced Leigh as Titania in Tyrone Guthrie's Old Vic production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, opposite John Mills as Puck. Quayle was not in the cast but was also working at the Old Vic. There he saw Hyson again, standing at the stage door, and "stood transfixed" by her "beauty combined with a radiant lightness of heart . . . there and then I fell totally in love".

Still believing her to be happily married, he made no declaration and left for an Old Vic tour. Hyson meanwhile played Dame Irene Vanbrugh's daughter in *Only Yesterday* at the Playhouse, and a month after the outbreak of war, she joined Michael Wilding and Mary Malcolm in the revue *Let's Face It*. Hyson, like her mother, was devoid of conceit about her beauty. When Quayle did at last tell her that he loved her, she refused to take him seriously, but he felt certain enough to set in motion divorce proceedings against his wife.

Hyson's career as a star continued to bloom. In December 1939 she played Liberty in the musical *Who's Taking Liberty* at the Whitehall Theatre, followed by a comedy, *Blue Goose*, directed by Cecil Parker. Returning to films, she co-starred with Robert Morley in *You Will Remember* in 1940, and in 1941 in *Spare A Copper*, as the sweetheart of George Formby, who tried unsuccessfully to seduce her between takes while his wife was absent. Another West End comedy, *Under One Roof*, followed at the St Martin's Theatre in 1941, and then Hyson had her greatest success on the London stage, as Emily Strachan in Roland Pertwee's taut Victorian thriller *Pink String and Sealing Wax* which ran for more than a year.

At the Lyric Theatre in 1944, she played opposite Dennis Price in *Scandal at Barchester*, adapted from the novels of Anthony Trollope, and as the war ended, Hyson starred at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, in the title role of John Gielgud's celebrated production of Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan*. Her beauty, rendered even more vivid by the *fin de siècle* splendour of Cecil Beaton's gowns and sets, packed the theatre for 602 performances.

During her run as Lady Windermere, Robert Douglas, from whom Hyson had separated during the war, divorced her. Quayle had persisted in his courtship for eight years, but she had rejected so many proposals that he feared "my destiny was slipping away from me". When he fell ill with influenza, however, it at last brought Hyson to the realisation "that I cared for you more than anyone in the world". They were married on June 3, 1947.

Hyson was still in demand for film and stage roles, but after her marriage to Quayle, she rejected every offer, feeling that she could not successfully combine her career as a star with her responsibilities as wife and mother.

Although never outwardly dominating, Hyson's influence over her husband was total. It was her continuing dislike of Hollywood that caused Quayle to reject an MGM film contract in 1948 in favour of the directorship of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon. During Quayle's eight years as director at Stratford, Hyson became a theatrical hostess of formidable discernment. It was at her suggestion that, in 1951, the young Richard Burton played Prince Hal to Quayle's Falstaff at Stratford. Even when the critics, many members of the company and Quayle himself remained unconvinced of Burton's potential, Hyson continued to insist that he would become a major star.

Hyson's marriage to Quayle endured for 42 years and developed a strength that went far beyond their romantic courtship. In 1957, when Quayle appeared with Anna Neagle in the film *The Man Who Wouldn't Talk* his other leading lady, Zsa Zsa Gabor, fell in love with "his big round, lovable boyish face". Hyson, by remaining calm and keeping her sense of humour, averted a possible crisis. Many years later, when Gabor sent roses to Quayle's funeral with a note saying she would never forget him, Hyson reacted without concern. "She was rather amusing," she said of Gabor.

Hyson's beauty, which lasted into old age, was still strikingly evident in the 1977 *This Is Your Life* television tribute to Quayle, who had been appointed a Commander of the British Empire in 1952 and was knighted in 1985. In 1989 he was diagnosed as suffering from cancer of the abdomen and told he had only a few months to live. During his final crisis, Hyson was again a tower of strength, helping him to complete his memoirs, *A Time to Speak*, in which he wrote of his wife: "Without her I could have been nothing, done nothing." He died on October 20, 1989, with Hyson at his side.

In widowhood, despite increasing health problems, Hyson continued to play an active role in theatrical life. In 1993 she hosted a performance celebrating the life of Dame Peggy Ashcroft at the Playhouse Theatre, where she had made her first adult appearance in 1933, and sat in the same box her mother had occupied sixty years earlier to watch her debut.

The death of Hyson's mother, the legendary Dorothy Dickson, in 1995, at the age of 102, brought tributes pouring in from all over the world, including a long personal letter from Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Dickson's closest friend for 72 years.

On January 28 of this year, Lady Quayle's devoted secretary, Diana Cooke, found her lying in the bedroom of her house in Elystan Place, Chelsea. She had suffered a stroke. During a long and gruelling final illness, she displayed indomitable courage and never lost the charm that had endeared her to everyone who knew her.

There were no children by her first marriage but she is survived by her son and two daughters from her marriage to Anthony Quayle, the younger of whom is the West End stage actress, Jenny Quayle.

DR TERENCE BAIRD

Dr Terence Baird, CB, Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland, 1972-78, died on May 18 aged 79. He was born on May 31, 1916.

TERRY BAIRD played a leading role in preparing the medical services in Northern Ireland to cope with a quarter-century of bloodshed. He enacted a disaster policy which ensured that hospitals could deal with large-scale emergencies and that those in centres such as Belfast and Londonderry had specialist units for treating the most seriously injured.

Baird also helped to set up a prison medical service and insisted on a strict code of medical ethics. All prisoners were his patients and as such should be treated humanely, without prejudice. This policy he maintained throughout hunger strikes and "dirty" protests — during which he advised a succession of government ministers.

He once volunteered to enter a sealed room in which a container of CS gas was released, in order to determine its impact on future victims. His verdict: extremely unpleasant but no lasting damage.

At the same time he had to care for the wider public. He set up a medical advisory service with a central committee and smaller bodies of experts, to ensure that he and Whitehall had the best advice. By background and inclination a clinician, as opposed to a medical bureaucrat or accountant, he contributed himself to medical knowledge. The "Baird Report" on infant mortality, the product of a committee which he chaired, is still regarded as having seminal value. He was a notable chairman of committees. Held in equal esteem was the book on infection in hospitals which Baird published with others 25 years ago.

Born Thomas Terence Baird in Londonderry, son of the Archdeacon of Derry, he crossed the Irish Sea to go to school at Haileybury before returning to read medicine at Queen's University, Belfast. A first-class oarsman, he rowed for Haileybury and was captain of boats at Queen's.

When war broke out, Baird was a houseman at the North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness. In 1940, however, he was commissioned as a surgeon-lieutenant into the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. He nearly lost his life in the same year, while serving in the destroyer *HMS Sturdy*. After being on convoy duties in the Atlantic, the warship was returning at night to her home port, Londonderry, when heavy seas and southwesterly gales took her seriously off course.

Mistaking a lighthouse off Scotland for one off the north coast of Ireland, the navigating officer ordered "full steam ahead" for the Foyle Estuary. Minutes later the ship crashed onto rocks near Tiree, Scotland. Several sailors lost their lives while the remains of *Sturdy* are still beached there. Baird was rescued from the wreck by breeches buoy and went on to serve in the carrier *Victorious* in the Pacific and Indian Oceans before being demobilised as a lieutenant-commander.

After returning to Queen's to take a diploma in public health, he started his career with Berkshire County Council as assistant medical officer, leaving as deputy principal schools medical officer in 1954. For the following eight years he was in Cardiff, rising to become senior medical officer with the Welsh Board of Health before returning to his native Northern Ireland in 1962. He became Chief Medical Officer ten years later and was appointed CB in 1977.

On retiring in 1978, Baird settled in the large house and grounds beside the sea in Donegal which he had inherited from an uncle 16 years previously. Apart from a short consultancy in the Isle of Man he devoted much of his time there to his private forest. He and his wife had planted 16 acres of trees in the 1960s and he saw them grow from a height of 18 inches to 30 feet. But he also had five acres of grass to mow.

Baird continued to row until six months ago in his own wooden boat on Lough Foyle. An outgoing personality, he was immensely popular in Ireland. He never complained throughout his battle against cancer. To all who asked how he was coping he cheerfully replied: "Motoring on." After the death of his first wife Joan, Baird married again. He is survived by his second wife Jane and by two daughters of his first marriage.

WILLI DAUME

Willi Daume, sports administrator, died on May 17 aged 82. He was born on May 24, 1913.

THE life of Willi Daume, devoted to German and Olympic sports administration, was one of noble objectives and frustrated personal ambition. Daume was the mainspring behind the magnificent Olympic Games of Munich in 1972, which were grotesquely overshadowed by the Israeli team massacre. He subsequently failed in his attempt to become president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) eight years later.

Having neglected the iron company which he owned, Eiser-Daume, which went bankrupt a few years ago, Daume died penniless. He was supported only by donations from major sports sponsors and an honorarium from the German National Olympic Committee (NOC), of which he had been president from 1961 to 1992.

There are few in the history of the Olympic Games who have worked so diligently, for so long and with such altruism for the benefit of sport. Daume had been a member of the German basketball team at the Berlin Olympics of 1936. After the war it was Daume more than anyone who reorganised sport in what had become West Germany.

From 1949 to 1971 he was president of the German Sports Confederation, and it was from his joint position as president of the NOC that he conceived the plan to host the Games of 1972. Having been elected a member of the IOC in 1956, he persuaded that body to grant the Games to Munich at a meeting in Rome in 1966. It was an act of international forgiveness. He had fulfilled the maxim by which he lived: "Ich liebe die grossen Entwürfe" (I love the grand designs).

His reward, and that of Germany, was to be humiliation. The futuristic design of Munich's new stadiums, still spectacular 25 years later, together with a new underground railway and village, provided an inspiring stage for the most modern Games yet conceived. But the mood of celebration was shattered on the morning of September 6, with the Arab terrorist assault on the Israeli headquarters, and the subsequent death of all hostages. Daume's reputation was further harmed by his unwitting announcement to a late evening emergency session of the IOC that all were safe (he had been given false information). With a broken heart, he organised a memorial service for the victims in the main stadium the following day.

More ill-fortune was in store for Daume. When Montreal, the host city for 1976, seemed likely to default because of construction strikes, corruption and inflation, Daume devised a plan in private discussion with Lord Killanin, the IOC president, for transferring events to Germany and Holland. It proved premature, and did little to rescue Daume's reputation.

Killanin resigned after eight years in 1980, just before Moscow's Olympics, leaving Daume as one of four candidates for the succession. Although he considered himself unlikely to win, he thought he was a strong runner. Again he was humiliated. He received only seven votes out of 79 in a first-round ballot, which elected Juan Antonio Samaranch by an overall majority of 14 over James Worrall, Marc Hodler and Daume.

A further project which he organised, the IOC Congress of 1981 at Baden Baden — the occasional meeting of the three arms of the Olympics: the IOC, Sports Federations and NOCs — was diminished in significance because of the exclusion of those countries which had boycotted Moscow.

In 1987 Daume launched his last grand idea: the hosting of the Millennium Games of 2000 by Berlin, to aid the reunification of the two Germanies. Subsequently, the Wall came down, Germany was politically reunited, and the Berlin bid lost its *raison d'être*, disintegrating in mismanagement. It was eliminated in the second ballot before Sydney's election by two votes over Peking.

The lasting contribution of Daume, however, will be from his tireless work, as chairman of the Eligibility Commission, to redefine the IOC's stance on amateurism. By the 1970s the Olympics were dominated by totalitarian state-sponsored teams, who were wholly professional in preparation, amateur only by false declaration. There had to be an adjustment, Samaranch demanded. Daume himself was irritated with the perverse attitude of Avery Brundage, then IOC president, when the latter inspected the Munich village in 1972. Brundage had protested at every airline bag or sponsored tracksuit of Western teams, while accepting uncritically every commercial aspect of East German and Soviet teams.

It was Daume's patient campaigning among colleagues at the sessions of 1985 to 1987 that helped finally to persuade the IOC to accept an open Olympics. It was the only logical conclusion for a situation already informally long in practice and it was Daume's final service to the IOC, for which he was vice-president from 1972 to 1975.

He leaves a widow, Rosemarie, a son and daughter.

ON THIS DAY

May 25, 1875

Managing elephants was not a problem confined to Ceylon; it had also to be faced in India and Burma where at one time 2,000 of these beasts worked in the timber industry. In the Second World War the elephant companies did heroic work in the Far East.

ELEPHANTS IN CEYLON.

By the last accounts from Ceylon we hear that the Governor, with the full concurrence of the Secretary of State, has issued a prohibition against the destruction of elephants. This has already caused disappointment to sundry sporting travellers.

Elephants ought to be largely employed in public works. Their strength, which enables them to draw stones of huge magnitude, and to place them with ease wherever required, renders elephant work far more valuable and substantial than that of the weak Indian labourers, employed on the roads and irrigation works in Ceylon. It is particularly in the construction of bridges that the value of elephants is manifest. Nothing can be more interesting than to watch the docility and intelligence of these great creatures in the performance of their task, now dragging, now pushing, to the exact spot, gigantic stones, and placing them in their appointed position with the accuracy of a mason.

Of late, unfortunately, the strength of the elephant department in Ceylon has dwindled down to the half of its full complement, and from every Province where works of any importance were going on demands come in for the assistance of elephants, but in vain. Formerly well-trained elephants were not difficult to purchase; many were owned by private persons, but still more by the representatives of the Buddhist temples, who let them out for hire when not wanted for religious processions. Now none of any value can be procured. The native headmen report that elephants are disappearing, and the wanton massacres of them in those parts of the island where there is sufficient population to capture them by a kraal have rendered it unlikely that the public want can be supplied by this means.

In former days the number and boldness of elephants rendered their destruction a matter of necessity; now they are fully alive to their danger, and instinctively keep away as a general rule from villages where they know they will be encountered with firearms. Complaints, no doubt, sometimes come in that an outlying crop has been ravaged, in which case the punishment of the invaders is permitted. Rewards are also given for the destruction of rogue elephants, who occupy for a time some particular road, put to flight the post runners, and tear open the bags, which are abandoned to them to divert their attention. The letters scattered about are shown by the runners in attestation of their story. It has, however, been remarked that, though ordinary letters in such cases are recovered, the registered letters have some particular attraction to the animal, and are carried off by him into the jungle.

In these circumstances it has been found necessary to put a stop to the issue of licences to shoot and capture, except for Government purposes, for some time to come; and it is desirable that sporting adventurers should be apprized that their only chance of being allowed a shot at an elephant in Ceylon is in the case of a notorious rogue, or of a herd indulging in too frequent visits to irrigation works, and consequent destruction of the dams.

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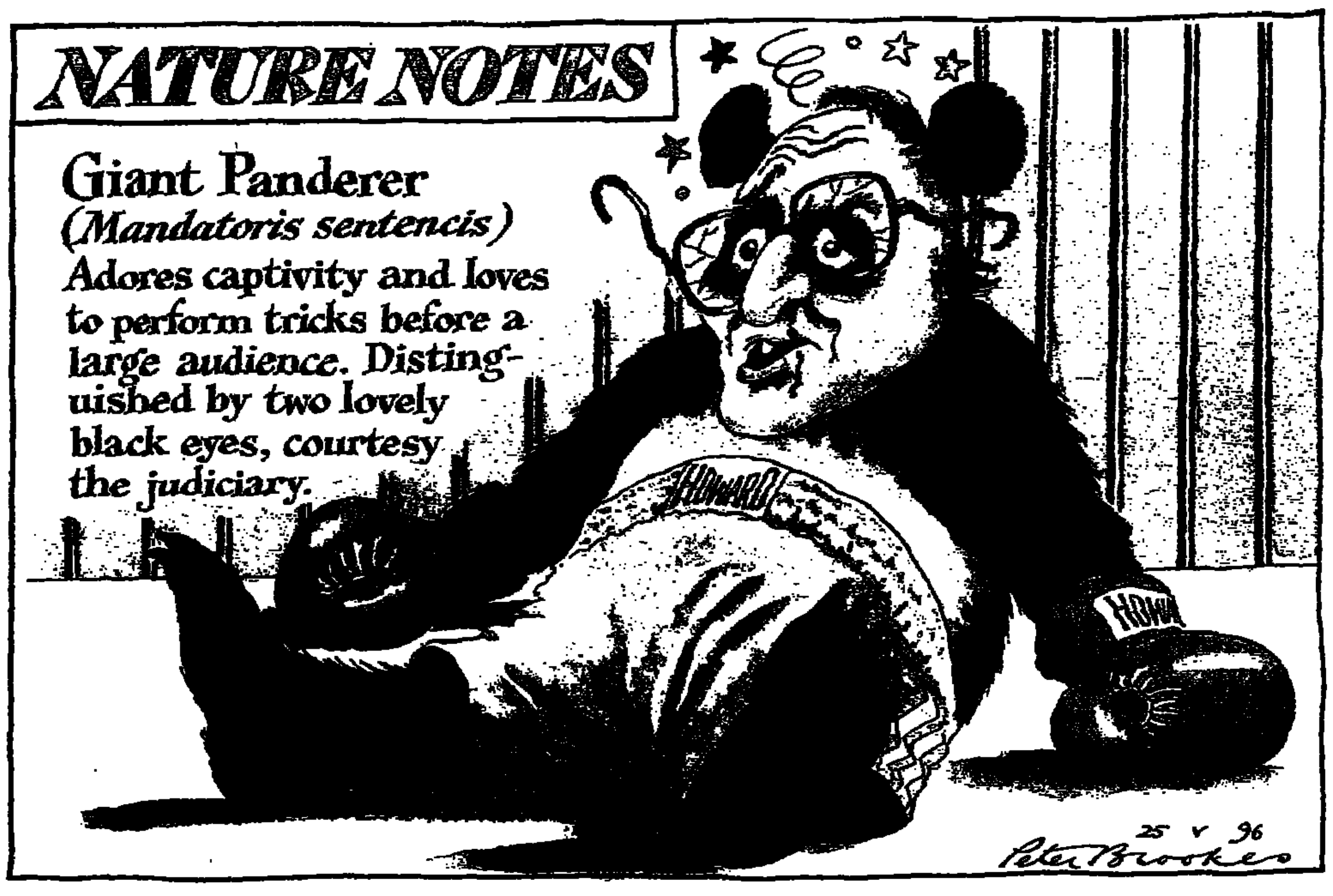
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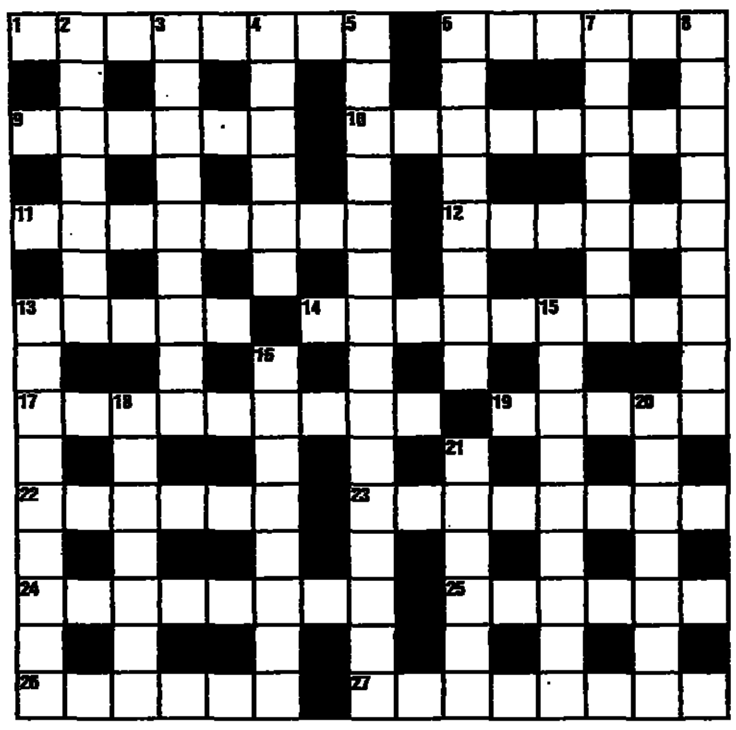

ACROSS

1 Typed, for instance, by kind journalist (8).
6 Foundation among those producing better figures? (6).
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10 Sort of table where opening of pepper cruet is broken (8).
11 One who provides weapons a soldier's given by our monarch (8).
12 Getting purple after exercises for addition to waistline (6).
13 Cry of rook chasing mother bird (5).
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25 Sudden ludicrous descent from black mount (6).
26 Ignobly represent beginning and end of liberty (6).
27 Condemn assessment on former London district (8).

DOWN

2 Having performed song, taken up for lemonade in tent? (7).
3 One whose fingers can handle frozen joints (9).
4 Grows smaller pig-like mammals, say (6).
5 One's vacation gets one off to a flying start (9,6).
6 Fawns around the king in soft-soled shoes (8).
7 Crushing remark from second master at Greyfriars (7).
8 For such clannish types, MOT test is absurd (9).
13 State incorrectly mare is fit for racing (9).
15 Tallboy, say, has got the beetle, possibly (3-6).
16 Why, say, a priest first slipped into bitterness (8).
18 Showy flower – stupid dog ate one (7).
20 Recite information from memory (4-3).
21 Some deed I bless – is it okay to scoff? (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,171

S	P	R	I	N	G	T	I	M	E		Y	O	G	I
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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: *R Begg, Glasgow; T Young, Eastleigh, Hampshire; N M Reynolds, Penzance, Cornwall; P Bailey, Bournemouth, Dorset; J L Dick, Malton, North Yorkshire.*

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TODAY

Sun rises: 4.56 am
Sun sets: 9.00 pm
Moon sets 1.27 pm
Moon rises 12.28 pm

First quarter today

London 9.00 pm to 4.55 am
Bristol 9.10 pm to 5.04 am
Edinburgh 9.37 pm to 4.42 am
Manchester 9.19 pm to 4.53 am
Penzance 9.16 pm to 5.22 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 4.55 am
Sun sets: 9.02 pm
Moon sets 1.51 am
Moon rises 1.32 pm

Full moon June 1

London 9.02 pm to 4.54 am
Bristol 9.11 pm to 5.03 am
Edinburgh 9.39 pm to 4.44 am
Manchester 9.20 pm to 4.52 am
Penzance 9.17 pm to 5.22 am

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6:32	6.1	6:43	6.0
Aberdeen	6:23	3.4	7:06	3.3
Avonmouth	11:41	10.1	-	-
Belfast	4:09	3.2	4:49	2.9
Cardiff	11:17	9.5	11:41	9.6
Devonport	10:28	4.3	10:42	4.5
Dover	3:50	5.4	4:18	5.5
Dublin (N Wall)	4:38	3.4	5:24	3.2
Falmouth	10:22	3.8	10:51	4.1
Greenock	5:07	3.0	6:05	2.7
Harwich	4:36	3.4	5:00	3.3
Holyhead	3:03	4.6	3:48	4.3
Hull (Albert D)	10:46	6.0	11:39	5.7
Ilfracombe	10:56	7.1	11:21	7.2
King's Lynn	11:05	4.9	11:55	4.7
Leith	7:31	4.5	8:09	4.4
Liverpool	3:51	7.7	4:26	7.4
Lowestoft	3:08	2.1	2:26	2.2
Margate	4:57	4.0	5:05	4.0
Milford Haven	11:11	5.2	11:37	5.3
Newquay	10:21	5.0	10:54	5.0
Oban	10:51	2.9	10:35	3.1
Penzance	9:43	4.3	10:12	4.4
Portland	11:11	1.3	11:02	1.4
Portsmouth	3:49	3.9	4:36	4.0
Shoreham	3:33	4.9	4:23	5.0
Southampton	3:24	3.8	4:06	3.9
Swansea	11:12	7.4	11:37	7.4
Tees	8:45	4.5	9:24	4.3
Walton-on-Naze	4:24	3.6	4:44	3.5

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Thursday: Highest day temp: Margate, Kent, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Milford Haven, Dyfed, 0.47in; highest sunshine: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 10.3hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have sunny spells but also a few showers, tending to die out from the South West. There may be light rain or drizzle in the South West during the afternoon and perhaps over South Wales in the evening. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny spells and showers. Temperatures will be generally a little below the seasonal average.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands:** bright start, becoming cloudier with showers at times. Wind southwesterly, light to moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **E England, W Midlands, Central N:** bright start, cloud building with showers by later morning. Becoming mostly dry later. Wind southwesterly, moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** showers, light rain later. Wind southwest turning south or southeast, moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England:** sunny start, showers developing. Wind southwesterly, light to moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N Ireland:** dry start, sunny intervals but showers developing. Wind southwesterly, light to moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly cloudy, some showers or rain. Wind southwest, turning west or northwest, light to moderate. Rather cool. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain in south slowly clearing, bright spells and showers in north.

AROUND BRITAIN

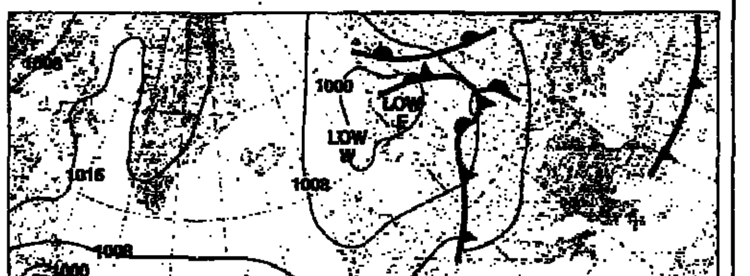
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.0	0.15	18	64	s	Littlehmptn	2.3	0.09	15	59	d
Anglesey	X					London	3.8	0.02	17	63	r
Aspatria	10.0	0.01	14	57	s	Lowestoft	X				
Aviemore	9.5	0.10	15	59	sh	Manchester	4.9	0.31	14	57	r
Belfast	6.3	0.09	15	59	t	Margate	5.0	0.07	18	64	r
Birmingham	X					Minehead	3.9	0.14	14	57	r
Bognor R	2.1	0.08	14	57	d	Morecambe	3.3	0.11	14	57	b
Bournem'th	0.4	0.02	14	57	r	Newcastle	6.1	0.01	15	59	sh
Bristol	2.5	0.20	14	57	r	Newquay	-	0.13	13	55	sh
Buxton	4.6	0.09	13	55	s	Norwich	3.8	0.03	18	64	b
Cardiff	X					Oxford	6.3	0.07	15	59	s
Clacton	7.5	0.02	16	61	s	Penzance	X	0.13	13	55	r
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	0.1	0.03	15	59	r
Colwyn Bay	4.4	0.01	15	59	c	Prestatyn	X	0.01	15	59	c
Cromer	4.0	0.05	17	63	s	Ross-o-wye	5.2	0.01	15	59	s
Dunbar	9.9	0.01	17	63	sh	Ryde	1.9	0.04	14	57	r
Eastbourne	1.2	0.13	14	57	d	Salcombe	-	0.08	13	55	c
Edinburgh	X					Sandown	0.9	0.05	14	57	d
Eskdalemuir	3.5	0.12	12	54	sh	Saunton Snd	1.8	0.28	14	57	b
Exmouth	1.5	0.02	13	55	d	Scarboro'	6.0	0.01	14	57	s
Falmouth	1.2	0.44	15	59	du	Shanklin	X				
Fishguard	3.5	0.22	13	55	r	Shrewsbury	5.2	0.09	14	57	r
Folkestone	5.6	0.07	14	57	b	Skegness	7.5	0.06	18	64	s
Glasgow	3.7	0.13	14	57	sh	Southend	8.3	0.02	16	61	du
Guernsey	1.2	0.06	16	61	c	Southport	X				
Hastings	3.0	0.09	15	59	r	Southsea	1.6	0.06	14	57	r
Hayling I.	3.5	0.13	14	57	sh	Stornoway	1.7	0.07	14	57	b
Herne Bay	6.4	0.07	17	63	r	Swanage	1.0	0.04	14	57	d
Hove	5.1	0.01	13	55	s	Teignmouth	0.6	0.01	14	57	c
Hunstanton	10.3	0.06	16	61	s	Tenby	X				
Isle of Man	6.3	0.06	13	55	s	Tiree	X				
Jersey	1.9	0.02	17	63	d	Torquay	0.7	0.02	14	57	c
Kinloss	6.0	0.08	16	61	sh	Tynemouth	X				
Leeds	5.1	0.04	15	59	r	Ventnor	0.2	0.03	12	54	r
Lerwick	0.2	0.13	7	45	r	West-s-mare	2.5	0.24	15	59	r
Leuchars	9.8	0.02	15	59	sh	Weymouth	-	0.03	13	55	r

ABROAD

Ajaccio	20	68	s	Corfu	25	77	s	Majorca	22	72	s	Rome	22	72	f
Akrotiri	27	81	s	C'phagn	12	54	f	Malaga	21	70	s	S Fr'sco	18	64	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dublin	14	57	c	Malta	22	72	s	S Paulo	20	68	c
Algiers	23	73	s	Dubrovnik	21	70	s	Melb'rne	15	59	c	Salzburg	13	55	c
Amst'dm	14	57	c	Faro	25	77	s	Mexico C	30	86	s	Santiago	14	57	s
Athens	29	84	f	Florence	21	70	f	Miami	26	79	c	Seoul	26	79	s
B Aires	16	61	s	Frankfurt	15	59	c	Milan	22	72	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Funchal	18	64	s	Montreal	19	66	s	St'kholm	17	63	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	19	66	f	Moscow	11	52	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	c
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	21	70	f	Munich	15	59	c	Sydney	19	66	s
Barcelona	22	72	s	Helsinki	20	68	s	N Delhi	31	88	f	Tangier	23	73	s
Beirut	25	77	s	Hong K	27	81	f	N York	X			Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Belgrade	20	68	f	Innsbrck	13	55	r	Nairobi	21	70	f	Tenerife	27	81	s
Berlin	13	55	r	Istanbul	23	73	s	Naples	23	73	f	Tokyo	21	70	c
Bermuda	24	75	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	20	68	s	Toronto	17	63	f
Biarritz	22	72	s	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	13	55	s	Tunis	23	73	f
Borde'x	22	72	f	L Angels	20	68	s	Paris	18	64	f	Valencia	24	75	s
Brussels	13	55	c	L Palmas	24	75	s	Peking	30	86	s	Vanc'ver	13	55	s
Budapst	18	64	f	Le Tquet	12	54	f	Perth	20	68	s	Venice	21	70	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	24	75	s	Prague	13	55	c	Vienna	16	61	c
Cape Tn	17	63	c	Locarno	22	72	f	Reykjavik	8	46	f	Warsaw	17	63	f
Ch'church	11	52	x	Luxembg	13	55	c	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	27	81	s
Chicago	9	48	f	Luxor	40	104	s	Rio de J	22	72	f	Wel'ngton	13	55	x
Cologne	13	55	r	Madrid	23	73	s	Riyadh	37	99	s	Zurich	15	59	c

Temperatures at midday local time Thursday X = not available



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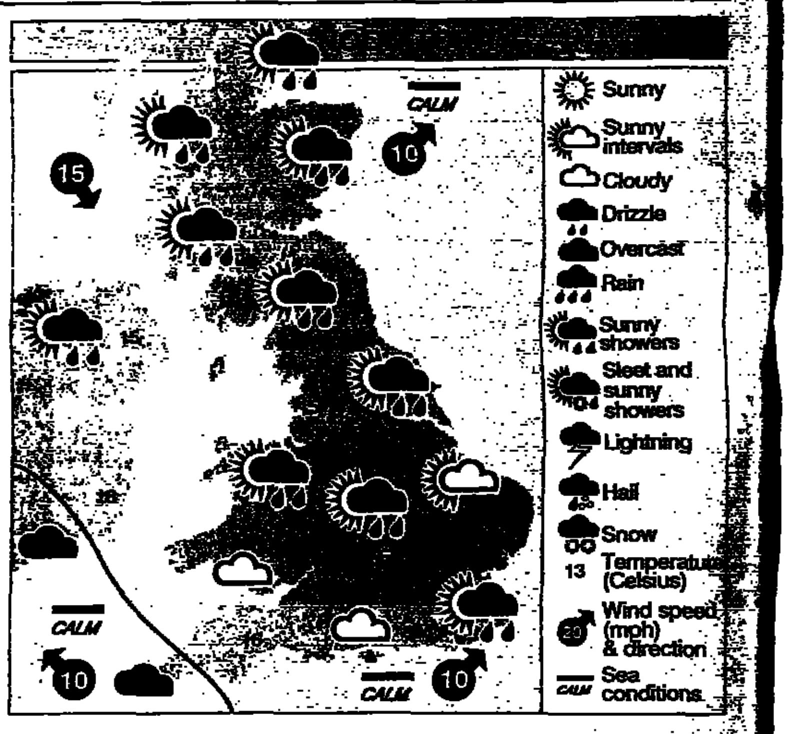

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